

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Masih Ashish</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92108 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/05/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. VP, Legal Collections Ops.</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	35,708 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/25/2020	Common Stock	6,600	17.9	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	08/20/2019	Common Stock	40,000	13.17	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	03/15/2021	Common Stock	25,000	24.65	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	04/06/2022	Common Stock	12,500	22.17	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares include (i) 12,333 unvested restricted stock units (each of which represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock), which will vest by August 20, 2014 and (ii) 9,333 unvested restricted stock awards (each of which represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock), half of which vest on March 9, 2014 and the other half on March 9, 2015.
2. Grant to the reporting person on February 25, 2010 of a non-qualified stock option under the Encore Capital Group Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan"). All shares under the option have become vested and exercisable.
3. Grant to the reporting person on August 20, 2009 of a non-qualified stock option under the 2005 Plan. Three-fifths of the shares granted under the option have become vested and exercisable. One-fifth of the shares granted under the option will become vested and exercisable on August 20, 2013, and the remaining one-fifth of the shares granted under the option will become vested and exercisable on August 20, 2014.
4. Grant to the reporting person on March 15, 2011 of a non-qualified stock option under the 2005 Plan. Two-thirds of the shares granted under the option have become vested and exercisable. The remaining one-third of the shares granted under the option will become vested and exercisable on March 9, 2014.
5. Grant to the reporting person on April 6, 2012 of a non-qualified stock option under the 2005 Plan. One-third of the shares granted under the option became vested and exercisable on March 9, 2013. One-third of the shares granted under the option will become vested and exercisable on March 9, 2014, and the remaining one-third of shares granted under the option will become vested and exercisable on March 9, 2015.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Melissa A. Ressler,
Attorney-in-Fact for Ashish 06/10/2013
Masih

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Gregory L. Call, and Melissa A. Ressler, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "Company"), any and all reports and forms required to be filed by the undersigned in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, including but not limited to all Forms 3, 4 and 5;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such report or form and timely file the same with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar trading market; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney, shall be in the form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file reports or forms pursuant to Section 16 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 10th day of June, 2013.

By: /s/ Ashish Masih

Print Name: Ashish Masih