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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CONSOLIDATED PRESS</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>54 PARK STREET 3RD FLOOR</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>SYDNEY C3 2000</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ ECPG ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/25/2003</u>					
			4. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/25/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>		C		4,000,000	A	(1)	5,853,517	I	See Note <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	09/25/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>		S		629,613	D	\$11	5,223,904	I	See Note <sup>(3)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Series A Sr. Cumulative Participating Conv. Preferred Stock	\$0.5	09/25/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>		C			400,000	(4)	(1)	Common Stock	4,000,000	(1)	0	I	See note <sup>(3)</sup>

**Explanation of Responses:**

- In connection with an underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of Issuer's Common Stock, holders of Series A Senior Cumulative Participating Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred Stock) entered into a Preferred Stock Conversion Agreement, whereby each share of Series A Preferred Stock converts into ten shares of Issuer's Common Stock, without consideration, as of the closing of the Offering, which is scheduled for October 1, 2003.
- On September 25, 2003, Attorneys-In-Fact on behalf of the Reporting Person entered into an Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale by the Reporting Person of 629,613 shares of Common Stock in the Offering.
- Through a series of subsidiaries, Consolidated Press International Holdings Limited owns CP International Investments Ltd., the direct owner of Issuer's Common Stock.
- Each share of Series A Preferred Stock is immediately convertible into ten shares of Issuer's Common Stock at the option of the holder.

/s/ Michael Karagiannis                      09/26/2003

\*\* 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 4 (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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