

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Grinberg Paul</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92123 (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 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/05/2011 | |
| | 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 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 | 07/05/2011 | | M | | 4,865 | A | \$2.89 | 203,597 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/05/2011 | | M | | 1 | A | \$16.19 | 203,598 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/05/2011 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,210 | D | \$31.36 ⁽²⁾ | 197,388 | D | |

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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.89 | 07/05/2011 | | M | | 4,865 | | 03/09/2011 | 03/09/2019 | Common Stock | 4,865 | \$0 | 23,333 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$16.19 | 07/05/2011 | | M | | 1 | | 11/01/2008 | 11/01/2015 | Common Stock | 1 | \$0 | 32,999 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 24, 2010.
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on July 5, 2011 at per share prices ranging from \$31.19 to \$31.57, inclusive. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to supply the Staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request.

/s/ Ronald E. Naves, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact for Paul 07/07/2011
Grinberg

** 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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