

Grinberg Paul
Form 4
January 05, 2011

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Grinberg Paul

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
[ECPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	01/04/2011		M	6,156 A	\$ 2.89 200,377	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2011		S ⁽¹⁾	6,156 D	\$ 23.599 194,221	D	
					⁽²⁾		

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.89	01/04/2011		M	6,156	⁽³⁾ 03/19/2019	Common Stock	6,156

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Grinberg Paul 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123	Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Florentino Zamora, Jr., attorney-in-fact for Paul Grinberg
01/05/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) 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 Januray 4, 2011 at per share prices ranging from \$23.58 to \$23.7250, inclusive. The price

(2) 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.

(3) The shares became exercisable as to 23,334 shares on March 9, 2010. The remainder of the shares will become exercisable as to 23,333 shares on each of March 9, 2011 and March 9, 2012, at which time all the shares subject to the option will be fully vested.

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