

Grinberg Paul
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO
NORTH, SUITE 1300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/10/2012		M	A	\$ 6,110	200,391	D
Common Stock	12/10/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 11,804	188,587	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.92	12/10/2012		M	6,110	08/23/2008 08/23/2017	Common Stock	6,110

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH
SUITE 1300
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Melissa A. Ressler, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul
Grinberg

12/12/2012

__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 sales reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 15, 2012.

The shares were sold in multiple transactions on December 10, 2012 at per share prices ranging from \$26.78 to \$27.36, inclusive. The

(2) 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.

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