

Christensen Christopher R.
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Christensen Christopher R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/10/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

(Street)
MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/10/2011 | 01/11/2011 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 34,500 D | \$ 25.2724 1,580,500 | I ⁽³⁾ | By Hobble Creek Investments LLC |
| Common Stock | 01/11/2011 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 10,800 D | \$ 24.7412 1,569,700 | I ⁽³⁾ | By Hobble Creek Investments LLC |
| Common Stock | 01/12/2011 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 26,200 D | \$ 24.6342 1,543,500 | I ⁽³⁾ | By Hobble Creek Investments LLC |

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|--------------|------------|--|------------------|--------|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/13/2011 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 28,500 | D | \$ 24.8627 | 1,515,000 | I ⁽³⁾ | | By Hobble Creek Investments LLC |
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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Christensen Christopher R. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney
Date: 01/13/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sales reported in Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 10, 2010. This plan was terminated pursuant to its terms effective January 13, 2011.

(2)

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This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$25.25 to \$25.44. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (3) Christopher R. Christensen is the sole member of this entity.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$24.95. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$24.94. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (6) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$25.02. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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