

BLACK J BRANDON
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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 *
BLACK J BRANDON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC, 5775 ROSCOE COURT

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2004

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	100 D \$ 22.03	38,981	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	100 D \$ 22.05	38,881	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	1 D \$ 22.07	38,880	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	199 D \$ 22.08	38,681	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	100 D \$ 22.09	38,581	D	

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Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	4,500	D	\$ 22.25	34,081	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,700	D	\$ 22.37	32,381	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	3,100	D	\$ 22.43	29,281	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	100	D	\$ 22.45	29,181	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	2,105	D	\$ 22.49	27,076	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,700	D	\$ 22.5	25,376	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	5,429	D	\$ 22.51	19,947	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	5,357	D	\$ 22.52	14,590	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,900	D	\$ 22.53	12,690	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	300	D	\$ 22.54	12,390	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	3,711	D	\$ 22.55	8,679	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	100	D	\$ 22.56	8,579	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	2,800	D	\$ 22.6	5,779	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	100	D	\$ 22.61	5,679	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,486	D	\$ 22.63	4,193	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	173	D	\$ 22.65	4,020	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	500	D	\$ 22.67	3,520	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	3,400	D	\$ 22.7	120	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	120	D	\$ 22.77	0	D

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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLACK J BRANDON
C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
5775 ROSCOE COURT
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

President and COO

Signatures

/s/ J. BRANDON 12/13/2004
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**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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