

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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)
01/13/2014

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2014 | | M | | 11,000 (1) | A | \$ 16.19 198,724 D |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2014 | | S | | 4,449 (1) | D | \$ 48.803 194,275 D |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2014 | | S | | 6,551 (1) | D | \$ 49.3315 187,724 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) | \$ 16.19 | 01/13/2014 | | M | 11,000 (1) | (4) 11/01/2015 | Common Stock | 11,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul
Grinberg

01/15/2014

**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 transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 20, 2013.

(2) This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.475 to \$48.99 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore"), any security holder of Encore, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares held at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(3) This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.01 to \$49.83 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Encore, any security holder of Encore, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares held at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(4) The option vested in three equal installments on November 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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