

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2009**

**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**000-26489**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**48-1090909**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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8875 Aero Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(877) 445-4581

92123  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions ( *see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 21, 2009, Encore Capital Group, Inc. announced that it had filed a universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.1	Press release dated December 21, 2009.
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The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.**

Date: December 21, 2009

/s/ PAUL GRINBERG  
**Paul Grinberg**  
**Executive Vice President,**

**Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer**

**Exhibit Index**

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