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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Christensen Christopher R.

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

 (Street)

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

 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

 (check applicable line)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 08/01/2012 | Â | G | 13,000 D \$ 0 | 1,102,075 | I | By Hobble Creek Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2012 | Â | G | 13,000 D \$ 0 | 1,089,075 | I | By Hobble Creek Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common | 12/31/2012 | Â | G | 3,000 D \$ 0 | 1,086,075 | I | By Hobble |

