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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

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) 3111 CAMINO SUITE 1300	(First) O DEL RIO	(Middle) NORTH,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2014	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common	02/10/2014		Code V	Amount 11,000 (1)	(A) or (D)	Price \$	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock Common Stock	02/10/2014		S	10,500	D	16.19 \$ 48.53 (2)	164,636	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2014		S	500 (1)	D	\$ 49.17 (3)	164,136	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.19	02/10/2014		M	11,000 (1)	<u>(4)</u>	11/01/2015	Common Stock	11,0

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

02/12/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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.
- This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.16 to \$48.98 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 hold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.00 to \$49.41 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 hold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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

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