Christensen Christopher R.

Form 4

January 13, 2011

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_ Director

10% Owner

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2011

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

President and CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit oner Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (		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)		
Common Stock	01/10/2011	01/11/2011	S <u>(1)</u>	34,500	D D	\$ 25.2724 (2)	1,580,500	I (3)	By Hobble Creek Investments LLC		
Common Stock	01/11/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	10,800	D	\$ 24.7412 (4)	1,569,700	I (3)	By Hobble Creek Investments LLC		
Common Stock	01/12/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	26,200	D	\$ 24.6342 (5)	1,543,500	I (3)	By Hobble Creek Investments LLC		

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Common	01/13/2011	S <sup>(1)</sup>	28,500	D	\$ 24.8627	1,515,000	I (3)	By Hobble Creek
Stock		_			<u>(6)</u>		_	Investments LLC

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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Christensen Christopher R. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	X		President and CEO					

# **Signatures**

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as powert of 01/13/2011 attorney

> \*\*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).
- The sales reported in Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 10, (1) 2010. This plan was terminated pursuant to its terms effective January 13, 2011.

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This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$25.25 to \$25.44. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (3) Christopher R. Christensen is the sole member of this entity.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$24.95. The price above reflects the weighted average (4) sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$24.94. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.50 to \$25.02. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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