#### ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

Form 4 April 21, 2014

## FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Masih Ashish			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (speci			
3111 CAMIN SUITE 1300	NO DEL RIO	NORTH,	04/17/2014	below) below) EVP, US Debt Purchasing & Ops.			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN DIEGO	CA 92108		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
S. II , DILGO	, 211, 2100			Person			

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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. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(msu. 4)
Common Stock	04/17/2014		M	11,103 (1)	A	\$ 24.65	48,687	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2014		S	11,103 (1)	D	\$ 45	37,584	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 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.65	04/17/2014		M	11,103 (1)	(2)	03/15/2021	Common Stock	11,1

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

10% Owner

Officer

Director

Masih Ashish

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

EVP, US Debt Purchasing & Ops.

Other

## **Signatures**

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for Ashish Masih

04/21/2014

\*\*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 March 13, 2014.
- (2) The option vested in three equal installments on March 9, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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