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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC**

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) (First) (Middle)  
**10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 925**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/10/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**LOS ANGELES, CA 90067**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 748,009   | I  | See Footnote 1 and Remarks below. <sup>(1)</sup>      |
| Common Stock                    | 04/10/2007                           |  | P                              |   | \$ 600,000  | A  | \$ 9.5997 2,622,053                                   |
|                                 | 04/11/2007                           |  | P                              |   | \$ 65,000   | A  | \$ 9.6 2,687,053                                      |

Common  
Stock

See  
Footnote  
2 and  
Remarks  
below. (2)

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 Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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

RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
SUITE 925  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

X

RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P.  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
SUITE 925  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

X

RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS III, L.P.  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
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X

X

RMCP GP LLC  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
SUITE 925  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
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X

## Signatures

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf of himself and each other reporting person hereunder)

04/12/2007

\_\_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) These shares are held directly by RMCP II (as defined in Remarks below).
- (2) These shares are held directly by RMCP III (as defined in Remarks below).

### Remarks:

This Form 4 is jointly filed by (i) Red Mountain Capital Partners LLC ("RMCP LLC"), (ii) Red Mountain Capital Partners II,  
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