

Grinberg Paul
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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 *
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) (First) (Middle)
8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/04/2011		M	6,156 A	\$ 2.89	200,377	D
Common Stock	01/04/2011		S ⁽¹⁾	6,156 D	\$ 23.599	194,221	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 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.89	01/04/2011		M	6,156	<u>(3)</u> 03/19/2019	Common Stock	6,156

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grinberg Paul 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123			Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer	

Signatures

/s/ Florentino Zamora, Jr., attorney-in-fact for Paul Grinberg 01/05/2011

**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 sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 24, 2010. The shares were sold in multiple transactions on Januray 4, 2011 at per share prices ranging from \$23.58 to \$23.7250, inclusive. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to supply the Staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request.
- (3) The shares became exercisable as to 23,334 shares on March 9, 2010. The remainder of the shares will become exercisable as to 23,333 shares on each of March 9, 2011 and March 9, 2012, at which time all the shares subject to the option will be fully vested.

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