ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

Form 4

March 11, 2014

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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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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vecchione Kenneth

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

[ECPG]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

President & CEO

(Month/Day/Year)

03/07/2014

below)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)

Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

or Price Amount (D)

(A)

Code V

Common 03/07/2014 Stock

14,124 A (1)

\$0 149,939 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)

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Treporting O Wheel Primary Primares	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Vecchione Kenneth 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth A. Vecchione 03/11/2014

**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).

Grant to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2013 Incentive (1) Compensation Plan. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2015, one-third vesting on March 9, 2016, and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2017.

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