

Vecchione Kenneth
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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 *
Vecchione Kenneth

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)
3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH,
SUITE 1300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/15/2013

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Awards | \$ 0 | 04/15/2013 | A | | 100,000 | | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Restricted Stock Awards | \$ 0 | 04/15/2013 | A | | 23,571 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 23,571 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Vecchione Kenneth 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 | X | | President | |

Signatures

/s/ Melissa A. Ressler, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Vecchione

04/17/2013

__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) Grant to the reporting person on April 15, 2013 of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSA represents the right to receive one share of Encore's common stock upon settlement. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a five-year period, with one-fifth vesting on April 8, 2014, one-fifth vesting on April 8, 2015, one-fifth vesting on April 8, 2016, one-fifth vesting on April 8, 2017, and the remaining one-fifth vesting on April 8, 2018.

(2) Grant to the reporting person on April 15, 2013 of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSA represents the right to receive one share of Encore's common stock upon settlement. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on April 8, 2014, one-third vesting on April 8, 2015, and the remaining one-third vesting on April 8, 2016.

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