

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MESDAG WILLEM

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)
03/01/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2017		A	(A) or (D) Amount 1,274 (1)	\$ 32.17 40,272	D	
Common Stock					1,332,036	I	RMP - See Footnote and Remarks (2)
Common Stock					54,600	I	RMCP - See Footnote and

Remarks
(3)

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 Beneficially Owned (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
MESDAG WILLEM 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	X			
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				Please refer to Remarks below.
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				Please refer to Remarks below.
RMCP GP LLC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				Please refer to Remarks below.

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

Please refer to Remarks below.

Signatures

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf of himself and the Other Reporting Persons)

03/01/2017

__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 Willem Mesdag, for service on the Issuer's board of directors, of deferred stock units under the terms of a non-employee director deferred compensation plan established under the 2013 Incentive Compensation Plan. Deferred stock units will be converted into shares of Issuer common stock on a one-for-one basis upon distribution. The distribution of shares of common stock will occur within 10 business days following the date Mr. Mesdag is no longer a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.

(2) These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Partners, L.P. ("RMP").

(3) These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Capital Partners, LLC ("RMCP").

Remarks:

This Form 4 is jointly filed by (i) RMP, (ii) RMCP GP LLC ("RMCP GP"), (iii) RMCP, (iv) Red Mountain Capital Management

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