

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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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 *
BLACK J BRANDON

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, #200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/19/2010

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/26/2010		G	V 7,388 D \$ 0	136,233	D	
Common Stock	03/26/2010		G	V 7,388 A \$ 0	7,388 ⁽¹⁾	I	By The Black Family Trust
Common Stock	05/19/2010		M	13,125 A \$ 0.51	149,358	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2010		S ⁽²⁾	13,125 D \$ 20.7 ⁽³⁾	136,233	D	

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.51	05/19/2010		M	13,125	⁽⁴⁾ 09/11/2012	Common Stock 13,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLACK J BRANDON 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Florentino Zamora, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for J. Brandon Black 05/21/2010

__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 7,388 shares were previously owned directly and were contributed by Mr. Black to The Black Family Trust as of March 26, 2010.

(2) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 7, 2010.

The shares were sold in multiple transactions on May 19, 2010 at per share prices ranging from \$20.45 to \$20.93, 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.

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- (4) The shares became exercisable as to 69,445 shares on May 3, 2005, and as to 69,444 shares on each of May 3 2006 and September 11, 2007 and are fully vested.

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