

MESDAG WILLEM
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2010

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

10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 925

(Street)

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 748,009 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Through RMCP II |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,687,053 ⁽²⁾ | I | Through RMCP III |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2010 ⁽³⁾ | | A | 1,419 A \$ 0 | 19,544 ⁽⁴⁾ | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (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 | X | | |
| RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 | | | | Please refer to Remarks below. |
| RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS III, L.P. 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 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 | | | | Please refer to Remarks below. |
| RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P. 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD | | | | Please refer to Remarks below. |

SUITE 925
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

Signatures

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf of himself and the Red Mountain
Entities

01/06/2010

__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 shares are held directly by Red Mountain Capital Partners II, L.P. ("RMCP II").
- (2) These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Capital Partners III, L.P. ("RMCP III").
- (3) On January 4, 2010, Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore") issued 1,419 deferred issuance restricted stock units ("RSUs") to Willem Mesdag, under the Encore 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, in connection with his service as a member of Encore's board of directors.
- (4) These shares are in the form of RSUs. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock. All of these RSUs are fully vested.

Remarks:

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

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