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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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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

1(b).

Common

Stock

06/02/2011

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Grinberg Paul			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) 8875 AERO	(First) ((Middle)		Earliest Transaction ay/Year)				Director _X_ Officer (give below) Executive			
				If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123								_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)) Executio any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	06/02/2011			M	6,156	A	\$ 2.89 \$	204,888	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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6.156

D

32.73

(2)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number one 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)	\$ 2.89	06/02/2011		M	6,156	(3)	03/09/2019	Common Stock	6,156

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Grinberg Paul

8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

Signatures

/s/ Florentino Zamora, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Paul
Grinberg
06/06/2011

**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) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 24, 2010.
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on June 2, 2011 at per share prices ranging from \$32.66 to \$32.83, 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.
- (3) March 9, 2011.

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