

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
Form SC 13G/A
February 14, 2018
UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.4)*

Encore Capital Group, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

292554102
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☒ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 292554102

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Whitebox Advisors LLC

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

744,914 (see item 4)

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

744,914 (see item 4)

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

744,914 (see item 4)

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

2.8% (see item 4)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12.

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CUSIP No. 292554102

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Whitebox General Partner LLC

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(b) ☒

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Item 1. (a). Name of Issuer:

Encore Capital Group, Inc.

(b). Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 103

San Diego, CA 92108

Item 2. (a). Name of
person filing:

This statement
is filed by:

(i) Whitebox
Advisors
LLC, a
Delaware
limited
liability
company
("WA");

(ii) Whitebox
General
Partner
LLC, a
Delaware
limited
liability
company
("WGP").

(b). Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

The address of the business office of WA and WGP is:

3033 Excelsior Boulevard

Suite 300

Minneapolis, MN 55416

(c).Citizenship:

WA and WGP are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(d).Title of class of securities:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(e).CUSIP No.:

292554102

Item 3. If This Statement is filed pursuant to §§.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b), or (c), check whether the person filing is a

(a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).

(b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(d) ☐ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).

(e) ☐ An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

(f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);

(g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

(h) ☐ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.1813);

(i) ☐

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A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) ☐ A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

(k) ☐ Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

CUSIP No. 292554102

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

WA is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 744,914 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value ("Common Stock") as a result of its ownership of Convertible Bonds of the Issuer.

WGP is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 744,914 shares of Common Stock as a result of its ownership of Convertible Bonds of the Issuer.

(b) Percent of class:

WA is deemed to beneficially own 2.8% of the Issuer's Common Stock.

WGP is deemed to beneficially own 2.8% of the Issuer's Common Stock.

The percentage of Common Stock reportedly owned by each entity herein is based on 25,745,485 shares of outstanding Common Stock of the Issuer, which is the total number of shares outstanding as of October 27, 2017, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on November 2, 2017, and 744,914 additional shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of convertible bonds to purchase shares of Common Stock and deemed outstanding for purposes of calculating the Reporting Persons' beneficial ownership.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 0,

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

WA has shared voting power with respect to 744,914 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

WGP has shared voting power with respect to 744,914 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 0,

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

WA has shared voting power with respect to 744,914 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

WGP has shared voting power with respect to 744,914 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

Instruction: For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security see §240.13d-3(d)(1).

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X]*.

This final amendment reflects that each Reporting Person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Common Stock of the issuer.

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

All of the shares of Common Stock reported in this Schedule 13G are held in the accounts of WA's clients, none of which individually own more than 5% of the Common Stock.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under § 240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 13, 2018
(Date)

WHITEBOX ADVISORS LLC

/s/ Elissa Weddle
(Signature)

Elissa Weddle

Chief Legal Officer
(Name/Title)

February 13, 2018
(Date)

WHITEBOX GENERAL PARTNER LLC

/s/ Elissa Weddle
(Signature)

Elissa Weddle

Chief Legal Officer
(Name/Title)

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The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See s.240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned hereby consents and agrees to this joint filing to Schedule 13G amendment No. 4 for the Common Stock of Encore Capital Group, Inc.

February 13, 2018
(Date)

WHITEBOX ADVISORS LLC

/s/ Elissa Weddle
(Signature)

Elissa Weddle

Chief Legal Officer
(Name/Title)

February 13, 2018
(Date)

WHITEBOX GENERAL PARTNER LLC

/s/ Elissa Weddle
(Signature)

Elissa Weddle

Chief Legal Officer
(Name/Title)