#### **ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC**

Form 4

January 15, 2014

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Grinberg Paul	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300	01/13/2014	below) below) Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SAN DIEGO CA 92108		Form filed by More than One Reporting			

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

(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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/13/2014		M	11,000 (1)	A	\$ 16.19	198,724	D		
Common Stock	01/13/2014		S	4,449 (1)	D	\$ 48.803 (2)	194,275	D		
Common Stock	01/13/2014		S	6,551 (1)	D	\$ 49.3315 (3)	187,724	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)	Code Securities (Month/Day/		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securiti	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.19	01/13/2014		M	11,000 (1)	<u>(4)</u>	11/01/2015	Common Stock	11,0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Grinberg Paul

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

## **Signatures**

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul Grinberg

01/15/2014

\*\*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 transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 20, 2013.
- This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.475 to \$48.99 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore"), any security holder of Encore, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares hold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.01 to \$49.83 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Encore, any security holder of Encore, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares hold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (4) The option vested in three equal installments on November 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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