ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC Form 8-K February 28, 2007

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 28, 2007

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

000-26489 (Commission File Number) 48-1090909 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

8875 Aero Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 92123 (Zip Code)

(877) 445-4581

 $(Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code)$

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 28, 2007 Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release dated February 28, 2007.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Date: February 28, 2007

/s/ Paul Grinberg Paul Grinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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