### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): August 2, 2005

# **Encore Capital Group, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 000-26489 (Commission File Number) 48-1090909 (I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

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

(877) 445-4581

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On August 2, 2005, the Compensation Committee ( Committee ) of the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the Company ) approved the following executive compensation arrangements:

### **Executive Base Salary**

The Compensation Committee approved a base salary of \$250,000 for Ron Eckhardt, Executive Vice President and General Manager.

### **Executive Bonus Target**

The Committee approved a 2005 performance plan bonus target for Ron Eckhardt, Executive Vice President and General Manager, of 50% of base salary. The actual bonus payable will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion, based upon Company and individual performance relative to objectives agreed to in advance.

#### **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: August 8, 2005 /s/ Paul Grinberg

Paul Grinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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