

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MESDAG WILLEM

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) (First) (Middle)  
  
10100 SANTA MONICA  
BOULEVARD, SUITE 925  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/12/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock	09/12/2012		S	39,632	D	\$ 27.93 (1)	213,845 (2)	I	See Remarks and footnote below.
Common Stock	09/12/2012		S	142,368	D	\$ 27.93 (1)	768,191 (3)	I	See Remarks and footnote below.
							25,528 (4)	D	

Common  
Stock

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
SUITE 925  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

Please refer to Remarks below.

RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS III, L.P.  
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
SUITE 925  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

Please refer to Remarks below.

RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P.  
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