

MESDAG WILLEM  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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)  
01/20/2012

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/20/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>		A		1,088	A	\$ 0	23,718 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								517,791 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Through RMCP II
Common Stock								1,860,044 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Through RMCP III

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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				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
MESDAG WILLEM 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	X			
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				Please refer to Remarks below.
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P. 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.
RMCP GP LLC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				Please refer to Remarks below.
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD				Please refer to Remarks below.

SUITE 925  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

## Signatures

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf of himself and the Red Mountain entities)

01/24/2012

\*\*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) On January 20, 2012, Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore") issued 1,088 deferred issuance restricted stock units ("RSUs") to Willem Mesdag, under the Encore 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, in connection with his service as a member of Encore's board of directors.
- (2) These shares are in the form of RSUs. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock. All of these RSUs are fully vested.
- (3) These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Capital Partners II, L.P. ("RMCP II").
- (4) These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Capital Partners III, L.P. ("RMCP III").

### Remarks:

This Form 4 is jointly filed by (i) Red Mountain Capital Partners LLC ("RMCP LLC"), (ii) RMCP II, (iii) RMCP III, (iv) RMCP IV

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