

ENCORE ACQUISITION CO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENCORE ACQUISITION CO  
[EAC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP and COO

777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1400  
(Street)

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

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2010		F	7,677 D \$ 51.65	86,166	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2010		D	40,510 D 11	45,656	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2010		D	45,656 D 2	0	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)	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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 30.55	03/09/2010		D		6,546		<sup>(3)</sup>	02/09/2019	Common Stock	6,546
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 30.55	03/09/2010		D		16,828		<sup>(3)</sup>	02/09/2019	Common Stock	16,828
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 12.4	03/09/2010		D		296		11/22/2005	11/22/2012	Common Stock	296
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 13.6067	03/09/2010		D		809		11/21/2006	11/21/2013	Common Stock	809
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 26.5467	03/09/2010		D		642		02/14/2008	02/14/2015	Common Stock	642
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 31.1	03/09/2010		D		5,705		02/15/2009	02/15/2016	Common Stock	5,705
Options to	\$ 25.73	03/09/2010		D		6,381		02/12/2010	02/12/2017	Common Stock	6,381

