

MESDAG WILLEM  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/22/2013

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

10100 SANTA MONICA  
BOULEVARD, SUITE 925

(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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(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	04/22/2013		P		350,000	A	\$ 28
					1,332,036 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	
Common Stock					25,528 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

See Remarks and footnote below.

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 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 PARTNERS 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.

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

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

Please refer to Remarks below.

## Signatures

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf of himself and the other reporting persons  
hereunder)

04/24/2013

\_\_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) Previously, 213,845 of these shares were reported as being held by Red Mountain Capital Partners II, L.P. ("RMCP II") while 768,191 of these shares were reported as being held by Red Mountain Partners III, L.P. ("RMCP III"). Red Mountain Partners, L.P. ("RMP") owns 100% of the economic interests in each of RMCP II and RMCP III. As part of an internal restructuring, RMCP II and RMCP III distributed these shares to RMP in a transaction that resulted in a change in the form of beneficial ownership of these shares but not a change in pecuniary interest. As a result, RMP now directly holds these shares, and each of RMCP II and RMCP III has ceased to beneficially own any common stock of Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore").
- (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.

### Remarks:

This Form 4 is jointly filed by (i) RMP, (ii) RMCP II, (iii) RMCP III, (iv) RMCP GP LLC ("RMCP GP"), (v) Red Mountain C

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