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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Grinberg Paul			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) 3111 CAMIN SUITE 103	(First) (Middle) INO DEL RIO NORTH,		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2018	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, International			
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92108			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Aco	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/09/2018		A	9,299 (1)	A	\$ 0	191,044	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2018		F(2)	5,435	D	\$ 45.7	185,609	D	
Common Stock							500	I	PG Mountain Ventures LLC

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Grinberg Paul 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 103 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

President, International

Signatures

/s/ Greg Call, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul Grinberg

03/13/2018

**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).
- Grant to the reporting person on March 9, 2018 of restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2017 Incentive
- (1) Award Plan. The RSUs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2019, one-third vesting on March 9, 2020, and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2021.
- (2) Disposal relates to the withholding of securities for the payment of the tax liability incident to the vesting of stock awards.

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