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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG] A Stannard Kenneth J (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO (Check all applicable) NORTH, Â SUITE 103 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Cabot Credit Management CEO Person SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92108 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 147,342 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stannard Kenneth J

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 103 Â Â Cabot Credit Management CEO

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92108

## **Signatures**

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth
Stannard
08/30/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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These shares include (1) 14,951 unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") that vest in equal installments on July 24, 2019, July 24, 2020 and July 24, 2021, and (2) 11,213 unvested RSUs that vest in equal installments on July 24, 2020 and July 24, 2021. Each RSU was granted under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2017 Incentive Award Plan and represents the right to receive one share of Encore Capital Group, Inc. common stock.

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