SMITH BARRY M Form 4 April 18, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH BARRY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

(Check all applicable)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(Street)

(State)

(First)

04/16/2018

(Month/Day/Year) Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

1,500 Common 04/16/2018 24,000 D Α (1) 27.97 Stock

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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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amoun or Numbe of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH BARRY M 27101 PUERTA REAL SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	X						

Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of 04/18/2018 attorney Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) These shares vest in three annual installments beginning April 16, 2018.

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