

MESDAG WILLEM  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC		(Month/Day/Year)	ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/05/2007	
10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD,Â SUITE 925			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
LOS ANGELES,Â CAÂ 90067			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	748,009	I	See Footnote 1 and Remarks below. <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	2,022,053	I	See Footnote 2 and Remarks below. <u>(2)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC 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	^	^ X	^	^
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL PARTNERS III, L.P. 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	^	^ X	^	^
RMCP GP LLC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	^	^ X	^	^
RED MOUNTAIN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	^	^ X	^	^
MESDAG WILLEM 10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 925 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf of himself and each other reporting person hereunder)

04/12/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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- (1) These shares are held directly by RMCP II (as defined in Remarks below).
- (2) These shares are held directly by RMCP III (as defined in Remarks below).

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### Remarks:

This Form 3 is jointly filed by (i) Red Mountain Capital Partners LLC ("RMCP LLC"), (ii) Red

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