

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 23, 2007**

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**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-26489**  
(Commission File Number)

**48-1090909**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**8875 Aero Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92123**  
(Zip Code)

**(877) 445-4581**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On April 23, 2006, we issued a press release announcing that an agreement has been reached by an investment vehicle jointly funded by affiliates of J.C. Flowers & Co. and FPK Capital to acquire 5,737,032 shares, or approximately 25%, of our common stock from C.P. International Investments Limited, Triarc Companies, Inc. and related parties in a privately negotiated transaction, as set forth in relevant filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We also announced that affiliates of Red Mountain Capital Partners have separately purchased 3,435,062 shares of Encore common stock, as announced in previous filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, representing approximately 15% of the common stock outstanding.

Following these separate transactions, representatives of J.C. Flowers, FPK Capital and Red Mountain are expected to be invited to join our Board of Directors in early May 2007. Simultaneously, Raymond Fleming, Treasurer of Consolidated Press Holdings Limited, Eric D. Kogan, Partner of Clarion Capital Partners, and Peter W. May, President and Chief Operating Officer of Triarc Companies, are expected to step down from the Board.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

The information disclosed in Item 7.01 shall be incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Information included in Items 7.01 and 8.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information included in Items 7.01 and 8.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into our filings under the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                  |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1          | Press release dated April 23, 2007. |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Date: April 24, 2007

/s/ Paul Grinberg  
Paul Grinberg  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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