ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC Form 8-K August 24, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 24, 2017

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

000-26489 48-1090909 (IRS Employer

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number) Identification No.)

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 103, San Diego,

California

Delaware

92108 (Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(877) 445-4581

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- oWritten communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 24, 2017, Encore Capital Group, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, Cabot Credit Management Limited, had entered into an agreement to acquire Wescot Credit Services Limited. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.Exhibit Number Description99.1 Press release dated August 24, 2017

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: August 24, 2017 /s/ Jonathan C. Clark Jonathan C. Clark

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated August 24, 2017