ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC Form 8-K March 01, 2007

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): March 1, 2007

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-26489 (Commission File 48-1090909 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Number)

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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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of an investor slide presentation to be given by J. Brandon Black, President and Chief Executive Officer, at investor presentations during March 2007, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Investor slide presentation of Encore Capital Group, Inc. dated March 2007.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, 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 in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933.

Forward-Looking Statements:

The slide presentation attached to this report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Reform Act). The words believe, expect, anticipate, estimate, project, or the negation thereof or similar expressions constituted forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Reform Act. These statements may include, but are not limited to, projections of revenues, income or loss, estimates of capital expenditures, plans for future operations, products or services, and financing needs or plans, as well as assumptions relating to these matters. For all forward-looking statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe-harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Reform Act.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement was made. They are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which we cannot predict or quantify. Future events and actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements. When considering each forward-looking statement, you should keep in mind the risk factors and cautionary statements found throughout the Company s annual report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events, whether as a result of new information, future events, or for any other reason.

In addition, it is our policy generally not to make any specific projections as to future earnings and we do not endorse projections regarding future performance that may be made by third parties.

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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: March 1, 2007

/s/ Paul Grinberg Paul Grinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Treasurer

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