ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC Form 8-K April 29, 2009

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): April 29, 2009

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware000-2648948-1090909(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File 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)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 29, 2009, we issued a press release announcing our financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01. Other Events

As described in the press release, our Board of Directors has named George Lund, our current Chairman, to the expanded role of Executive Chairman, effective as of July 6, 2009. Our Board has also approved the nomination, effective as of July 6, 2009, of H Ronald Weissman as a director of Encore following his retirement as a partner of Ernst & Young LLP. Mr. Weissman is currently a senior partner with Ernst & Young and will retire on July 3, 2009. He is a member of the Financial Services Office and also serves as the leader for the Office of the Chairman Accounts for the Americas International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Network. Prior to joining Ernst & Young in 2002, Mr. Weissman served as a Partner with Arthur Andersen LLC and Andersen Worldwide SC from 1970 to 2002. He holds an MBA from the Columbia Graduate School of Business and a bachelor s degree from Union College. Mr. Weissman is a Certified Public Accountant.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated April 29, 2009.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, 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, nor be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

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 29, 2009

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

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