Stapley Gregory K. Form 4 December 20, 2010

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stapley Gregory K. Issuer Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify \_X\_\_ Officer (give title 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 12/16/2010 below) **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	23,423	D	\$ 22.9737 (2)	816,485	I (3)	By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006
Common Stock	12/17/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	6,577	D	\$ 22.9537 (4)	809,908	I (3)	By the Stapley Family Trust dated

								April 25, 2006
Common Stock	12/20/2010	S	21,999	D	\$ 23.6683	787,909	I (3)	By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Stapley Gregory K. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

**Executive Vice President** 

Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney 12/20/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 7, 2010. The reporting person cancelled this Rule 10b5(1) plan effective December 20, 2010.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from 22.83 to 23.10. The price above reflects the weighted average sale (2) price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from 22.95 to 23.00. The price above reflects the weighted average sale (4) price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$23.50 to \$24.11. The price above reflects the weighted average (5) sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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