ENSIGN GROUP, INC Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wittekind Beverly B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

(Month/Day/Year)

08/31/2016

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

VP & General Counsel

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

Person

below)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 08/31/2016 Stock

1,200 Α 41,294 D (1) 18.79

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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op for Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.79	08/31/2016		A	3,000	08/31/2017(2)	08/31/2026	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Vittekind Beverly B.							
7101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450			VP & General Counsel				

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

Signatures

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/s/ Chad A. Keetch as power of attorney 09/02/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) These shares vest in five annual installments beginning August 31, 2016.
- (2) This option vests in five annual installments beginning August 31, 2016.

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