

Stapley Gregory K.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stapley Gregory K.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
V.P. and General Counsel

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,100 D | \$ 16.14 (2) | 1,077,200 | I | By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006 (3) |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 5,400 D | \$ 15.98 (4) | 1,071,800 | I | By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006 (3) |

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| Common Stock | 12/24/2008 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 300 | D | \$ 16.34 <u>(5)</u> | 1,071,500 | I | By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006 ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 49,171 | I | By the Marian K. Stapley Revocable Trust dated April 29, 1965 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 24,000 | I | By wife as UTMA custodian for their minor children |

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

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

