Stapley Gregory K. Form 4 December 28, 2012

# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

(Check all applicable)

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

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(Street)

(First)

12/26/2012

\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below)

**Executive Vice President** 

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Middle)

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

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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)	Omr Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed 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	12/26/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	5,170	D	\$ 28.1352 (2)	429,189	I (3)	By Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/06.
Common Stock	12/27/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	3,854	D	\$ 28.058 (4)	425,335	I (3)	By Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/06

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Common Stock  $S_{\underline{(1)}}^{(1)} = 8,300 \text{ D}$   $S_{\underline{(5)}}^{(2)} = 8,300 \text{ D}$   $S_{\underline{(5)}}^{(3)} = 10,035 \text{ M}$   $S_{\underline{(3)}}^{(3)} = 10,035 \text{ M}$   $S_{\underline{(3)}}^{(3)} = 10,035 \text{ M}$   $S_{\underline{(3)}}^{(3)} = 10,035 \text{ M}$   $S_{\underline{(4)}}^{(3)} = 10,035 \text{ M}$   $S_{\underline{(4)}}^{(4)} = 10,035 \text$ 

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. etionNumber of S) Derivati Securitic Acquirec (A) or Disposec of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day, we es d	ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stapley Gregory K.

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 Executive Vice President MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

**Signatures** 

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as Power of Attorney 12/28/2012

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on November 13, 2012.

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- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$28.05 to \$28.19. The price above reflects the weighted average (2) 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.
- (3) The shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 an 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 \$28.05 to \$28.085. The price above reflects the weighted average (4) 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$28.05 to \$28.16. The price above reflects the weighted average 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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