

ENSIGN GROUP, INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Port Barry			ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450			1/16/2018					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	1/16/2018		M		900	A	\$4.06	125584	D	
Common Stock	1/16/2018		S (1)		900	D	\$24.122 (2)	124684	D	
Common Stock	1/16/2018		M		5001	A	\$4.77	129685	D	
Common Stock	1/16/2018		S (3)		5001	D	\$24.11 (4)	124684	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.06	1/16/2018		M		900		12/17/2010 (5)	12/17/2019	Common Stock	900.0	\$0	3428	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.77	1/16/2018		M		5001		3/11/2011 (6)	3/11/2020	Common Stock	5001.0	\$0	16995	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 11, 2017.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.02 to \$24.27. 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.
- The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 11, 2017.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.00 to 24.27. 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.
- This option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on December 17, 2010.
- This option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on March 11, 2011.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Port Barry 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney

—Signature of Reporting Person

1/18/2018

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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