

Port Barry
Form 4
January 24, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Port Barry

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)

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

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

01/22/2018

Vice President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(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)
Common Stock	01/22/2018		M	3,428	A \$ 4.06	128,112	D
Common Stock	01/22/2018		S ⁽¹⁾	3,428	D \$ 24.0161 ⁽²⁾	124,684	D
Common Stock	01/22/2018		M	16,995	A \$ 4.77	141,679	D
Common Stock	01/22/2018		S ⁽¹⁾	16,995	D \$ 24.0176 ⁽³⁾	124,684	D

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.06	01/22/2018		M	3,428	12/17/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/17/2019	Common Stock 3,428
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.77	01/22/2018		M	16,995	03/11/2011 ⁽⁵⁾ 03/11/2020	Common Stock 16,995

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 01/24/2018

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) 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 \$24.06. 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.

- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.00 to \$24.07. 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.

- (3) The option was granted on December 17, 2009, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on December 17, 2010, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

- (4) The option was granted on March 11, 2010, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on March 11, 2011, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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