JCF III Europe Holdings L.P.

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

JCF III Europe Holdings L.P.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/24/2018

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O J.C. FLOWERS & CO., 767 FIFTH AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR

(Street)

(Check all applicable) _X_ 10% Owner Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

X Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10153

(City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

(I)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

Common Stock

4,327,644

(Instr. 5) Ι

See Footnotes (1) (2)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of or Indirect

Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------|-------|--|
| | | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| JCF III Europe Holdings L.P. C/O J.C. FLOWERS & CO. 767 FIFTH AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10153 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| JCF Associates III L.P. C/O J.C. FLOWERS & CO. 767 FIFTH AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10153 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| JCF Associates III Ltd. C/O J.C. FLOWERS & CO. 767 FIFTH AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR, NY 1 | Â 0153 | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| Flowers J. Christopher C/O J.C. FLOWERS & CO. 767 FIFTH AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10153 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |

Signatures

| JCF III EUROPE HOLDINGS L.P., By: JCF Associates III L.P., its general partner, By: JCF Associates III Ltd., its general partner, By: /s/ J. Christopher Flowers, Director | |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| JCF ASSOCIATES III L.P., By: JCF Associates III Ltd., its general partner, By: /s/ J. Christopher Flowers, Director | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| JCF ASSOCIATES III LTD., By: /s/ J. Christopher Flowers, Director | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ J. Christopher Flowers | 08/03/2018 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- Represents securities held directly by JCF III Europe Holdings L.P. JCF Associates III L.P. is the general partner of JCF III Europe
 Holdings L.P. JCF Associates III Ltd. is the general partner of JCF Associates III L.P. J. Christopher Flowers is the sole director of JCF
 Associates III Ltd., and thus may be deemed to control JCF Associates III Ltd. and each entity directly or indirectly controlled by JCF
 Associates III Ltd., including JCF III Europe Holdings L.P.
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Reporting Owners 2

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securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

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