

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)
01/15/2010

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

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,300 | D | \$ 17.4083 <u>(2)</u> | 1,057,500 | I | By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006 ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,700 | D | \$ 18.25 | 1,054,800 | I | By the Stapley Family Trust dated |

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- (3) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.

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