ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC Form 8-K May 12, 2003

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 12, 2003

Encore Capital Group, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

000-26489 (Commission File Number)

5775 Roscoe Court

San Diego, California 92123

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(877) 445-4581

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 12, 2003 the Company issued a press release announcing its unaudited financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of Items 9 and 12.

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216, the information furnished under this Item 9 (Regulation FD Disclosure) is intended to be furnished under Item 12 (Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition). The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of Encore Capital Group, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By /s/ Barry R. Barkley

Date: May 12, 2003

SIGNATURES

48-1090909 (I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Barry R. Barkley Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release dated May 12, 2003.