Christensen Roy E Form 5 February 15, 2012

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Transactions Reported

MISSION VIEJO, CAÂ 92691

may continue.

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Christensen Roy E | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 | (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011 | X DirectorX 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specification) below) Chairman of the Board | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting | | | |
| | , , | (check applicable line) | | | |

Form Filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form Filed by More than One Reporting

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Person

| (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. Securit (A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3, | sposed | of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2011 | Â | G | 10,000 | D | \$ 0 | 1,730,006 | I | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 (1) | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2011 | Â | G | 20,000 | D | \$ 0 | 1,710,006 | I | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 (1) | |
| Common | 07/07/2011 | Â | G | 7,000 | D | \$0 | 1,703,006 | I | Christensen | |

| Stock | | | | | | | | | Family Trust Dated 8/17/92 (1) |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|---|--------|---|-----|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 09/26/2011 | Â | G | 14,000 | D | \$0 | 1,689,006 | I | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 (1) |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | Â | G | 25,000 | D | \$0 | 1,664,006 | I | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 (1) |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned $(e.g., \, \mathrm{puts}, \, \mathrm{calls}, \, \mathrm{warrants}, \, \mathrm{options}, \, \mathrm{convertible} \, \mathrm{securities})$

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| 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) | | ate | Secur | unt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se O En Is Fi (In |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|---|---|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Fg | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Christensen Roy E 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 | ÂX | ÂX | Â | Chairman of the Board | | | | |
| Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | | | | |
| Christensen Carol M. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper 02/14/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- These shares are directly owned by the Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92, as ten percent owner of the issuer, and indirectly owned (1) by Roy E. Christensen and Carol M. Christensen as trustees of the trust. Roy E. Christensen is a director, officer and ten percent owner of the issuer, Carol M. Christensen is a ten percent owner of the issuer.

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