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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Snapper Suzanne D. Issuer Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 10/31/2012 below) Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 Person

(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/31/2012		A	800	A	\$ 29.61	26,039	D	

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	1		7. Title and Amount of 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)	\$ 29.61	10/31/2012		A	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	10/31/2022	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / /	Addross	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Snapper Suzanne D. 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Suzanne 11/02/2012 Snapper

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (1) This option vests in five annual installments beginning on October 31, 2013.

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