

Stapley Gregory K.
Form 4
December 20, 2010

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(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	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/16/2010		S ⁽¹⁾		23,423	D	\$ 22.9737 ⁽²⁾	816,485 I ⁽³⁾	By the Stapley Family Trust dated April 25, 2006
Common Stock	12/17/2010		S ⁽¹⁾		6,577	D	\$ 22.9537 ⁽⁴⁾	809,908 I ⁽³⁾	By the Stapley Family Trust dated

Trust
dated
April 25,
2006

Common Stock	12/20/2010	S	21,999	D	\$ 23.6683 (5)	787,909	I <u>(3)</u>
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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)

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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stapley Gregory K. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney

12/20/2010

****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).

(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 7, 2010. The reporting person cancelled this Rule 10b5(1) plan effective December 20, 2010.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from 22.83 to 23.10. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from 22.95 to 23.00. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$23.50 to \$24.11. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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