

GARDNER TED A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GARDNER TED A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENCORE ACQUISITION CO  
[EAC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2010

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

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/09/2010		D	19,500	D 11 0	I	See footnote (2)

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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 11.4933	03/09/2010		D	7,500	04/30/2006 04/30/2013	Common Stock	7,500
Options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 19.7667	03/09/2010		D	7,500	04/29/2007 04/29/2014	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDNER TED A 777 MAIN STREET SUITE 1400 FORT WORTH, TX 76102	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Robert C. Reeves  
(attorney-in-fact) 03/09/2010

\*\*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).
- The shares were disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Denbury Resources Inc. in exchange for aggregate consideration of \$50 per share (which may consist of cash, Denbury stock or a combination thereof) as provided for in the merger agreement.
- (1) By Gardner Family Investments LLC.
  - (2) This option was converted into a cash payment representing the product of the number of shares subject to the option and the difference between the highest price per share paid within 60 days prior to the merger and the exercise price of the option.

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