Christensen Christopher R.

Form 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Christensen Christopher R. Issuer Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 10/15/2012 below) President & CEO (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)	(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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)		
Common Stock	10/15/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	8,451	D	\$ 31.9804 (2)	1,181,624	I (3)	By Hobble Creek Investments, LLC		
Common Stock	10/16/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	34,649	D	\$ 30.2325 (4)	1,146,975	I (3)	By Hobble Creek Investments, LLC		
Common Stock	10/17/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	4,100	D	\$ 30.0511 (5)	1,142,875	I (3)	By Hobble Creek Investments, LLC		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.		6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNu	mber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of		(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	B) Dei	rivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
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					(A)	or					
					Dis	posed					
					of ((D)					
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					4, a	ind 5)					
										Amount	
										or	
							Date	Expiration		Number	
							Exercisable Date		1.00	of	
				Code	V (A)	(D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Christensen Christopher R.							

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Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as Power of Attorney

10/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- 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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on October 15, **(1)** 2012.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.44 to \$30.72. The price above reflects the weighted average (2) 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) Christopher R. Christensen is the sole member of this entity.
- (4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$29.805 to \$30.8. 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

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issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$29.755 to \$30.25. 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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