Stapley Gregory K. Form 4 January 28, 2013

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 Stapley Gregory K. Issuer Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 01/24/2013 below) below) **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

 $S^{(1)}$

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

01/28/2013

Stock

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) **Following** or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price By Stapley \$ Common Family $S^{(1)}$ $I^{(3)}$ 01/24/2013 7.072 D 28.5517 364,899 Stock Trust (2) dated 4/25/06 By Stapley \$ Common Family $I^{(3)}$

13,400 D

29.0056

(4)

351,499

Trust

dated 4/25/06

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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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	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date A		Amount	of	Derivative	
	Security	or Exercise Price of		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security	
	(Instr. 3)			(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative					(Instr. 5)	
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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

01/24/2013

**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 on November 13, 2012.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$28.43 to \$28.75. 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) The shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/06 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 \$28.91333 to \$29.15. 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

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

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