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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

OR

" TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from to .

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 000-26489

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, California (Address of principal executive offices) 48-1090909 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

92108 (Zip code)

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Not Applicable)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the last 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

 Large accelerated filer "
 Accelerated filer x
 Non-accelerated filer "
 Smaller reporting company "

 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).
 Yes "
 No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Outstanding at October 19, 2011 24,500,522 shares

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition

(In Thousands, Except Par Value Amounts)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010		
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	10,672	\$	10,905	
Accounts receivable, net		3,703		3,331	
Investment in receivable portfolios, net		649,682		644,753	
Deferred court costs, net		36,126		32,158	
Property and equipment, net		16,412		13,658	
Prepaid income tax		3,090		1,629	
Other assets		11,236		13,301	
Goodwill		15,985		15,985	
Identifiable intangible assets, net		534		748	
Total assets	\$	747,440	\$	736,468	
Liabilities and stockholders equity					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	27,924	\$	26,539	
Deferred tax liabilities, net		16,154		17,626	
Debt		344,196		385,264	
Other liabilities		5,245		4,342	
Total liabilities		393,519		433,771	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders equity:					
Convertible preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 5,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding					
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 50,000 shares authorized, 24,472 shares and 24,011 shares issued and					
outstanding as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively		245		240	
Additional paid-in capital		122,082		113,412	
Accumulated earnings		232,718		188,894	
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income		(1,124)		151	
Total stockholders equity		353,921		302,697	
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	747,440	\$	736,468	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

(Unaudited)

		hree Mon Septeml 2011	ths Ended ber 30, 2010	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 2010		
Revenue		2011	2010	2011	2010	
Revenue from receivable portfolios, net	\$ 1	15,843	\$ 93,822	\$ 332,262	\$ 268,574	
Servicing fees and other related revenue		4,720	4,145	14,434	12,962	
Total revenue	1	20,563	97,967	346,696	281,536	
Operating expenses						
Salaries and employee benefits (excluding stock-based compensation expense)		20,730	16,166	59,982	48,135	
Stock-based compensation expense		2,405	1,549	5,980	4,756	
Cost of legal collections		40,169	33,851	117,364	91,519	
Other operating expenses		10,870	9,512	30,157	27,653	
Collection agency commissions		3,264	5,389	10,774	17,098	
General and administrative expenses		11,172	6,982	30,964	21,286	
Depreciation and amortization		1,194	816	3,352	2,241	
Total operating expenses		89,804	74,265	258,573	212,688	
Income from operations		30,759	23,702	88,123	68,848	
Other (expense) income						
Interest expense		(5,175)	(4,928)	(16,137)	(14,346)	
Other (expense) income		(346)	148	(207)	250	
Total other expense		(5,521)	(4,780)	(16,344)	(14,096)	
Income before income taxes		25,238	18,922	71,779	54,752	
Provision for income taxes		(9,868)	(6,632)	(27,955)	(19,871)	
Net income	\$	15,370	\$ 12,290	\$ 43,824	\$ 34,881	
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Basic		24,638	23,947	24,493	23,793	
Diluted		25,604	25,154	25,636	25,012	
Earnings per share:						
Basic	\$	0.62	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.47	
Diluted	\$	0.60	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.39	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity and Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited, In Thousands)

	Common Stock					cumulated Other					
	Shares	Par	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Earnings		Accumulated Inc		Comprehensive Income Total (Loss) Equity		Comprehensive Income (loss)	
Balance at December 31, 2010	24,011	\$ 240	\$ 113,412	\$	188,894	\$	151	\$ 302,697	\$		
Net income					43,824			43,824	\$	43,824	
Other comprehensive gain:											
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedge, net of tax							(1,275)	(1,275)		(1,275)	
Exercise of stock options and issuance of											
share-based awards, net of shares withheld for											
employee taxes	461	5	(2,193)					(2,188)			
Stock-based compensation			5,980					5,980			
Tax benefit related to stock-based											
compensation			4,883					4,883			
Balance at September 30, 2011	24,472	\$ 245	\$ 122,082	\$	232,718	\$	(1,124)	\$ 353,921	\$	42,549	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

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