

Port Barry
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FORM 4

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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 *
Port Barry

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2018

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

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/22/2018		M		3,428	A	\$ 4.06
							128,112
Common Stock	01/22/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		3,428	D	\$ 24.0161
							124,684
Common Stock	01/22/2018		M		16,995	A	\$ 4.77
							141,679
Common Stock	01/22/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		16,995	D	\$ 24.0176
							124,684

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- (1) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 11, 2017.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.00 to \$24.06. 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.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.00 to \$24.07. 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) The option was granted on December 17, 2009, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on December 17, 2010, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (4) The option was granted on March 11, 2010, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on March 11, 2011, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (5)

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