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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Person <u>*</u> Port Barry	1	orting	Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/08/2007	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC., 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 (Street) MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) President of a subsidiary			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One 	
							Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivati	ve Securiti	es Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ty		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	1	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/22/2004(1)	12/22/2014	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 2.45	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/01/2005(1)	11/01/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 5.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2006(1)	07/26/2016	Common Stock	59,000	\$ 7.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
I generation of the	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Port Barry C/O THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	Â	Â	President of a subsidiary	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Daniel Walker, as attorney-in-fact		/2007				
**Signature of Reporting Person	D	ate				

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These Employee Stock Options are subject to a five year vesting schedule with 20% of the shares vesting each year and were fully exercisable on the date of grant for restricted stock subject to the same vesting schedule.

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Remarks:

President of Keystone Care, Inc.; Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney for Barry R. Port

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