

ENSIGN GROUP, INC  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wittekind Beverly B.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450

(Street)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/10/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/10/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 767   | A  | \$ 2.05   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/10/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 767   | D  | \$ 21.0032<br>(1)                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 06/13/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 17,563  | A  | \$ 2.05   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/13/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 17,563  | D  | \$ 20.2613<br>(2)                                     |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 2.05  | 06/10/2016                           |  | M                              | 767   | 07/26/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 07/26/2016                     | Common Stock  | 767                        |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 2.05  | 06/13/2016                           |  | M                              | 17,563  | 07/26/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 07/26/2016                     | Common Stock  | 17,563                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| Wittekind Beverly B.<br>27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450<br>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 |               |           | VP & General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as Attorney of Fact 06/14/2016

\*\*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).

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(1) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$21.00 to \$21.02. 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 \$20.01 to \$20.69. 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, representing a right to purchase a total of 18,330 shares, was granted on July 26, 2006, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on July 26, 2007, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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