ENSIGN GROUP, INC

Form 4

October 30, 2015

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

VP & General Counsel

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 10/28/2015

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below)

\_ Other (specify

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/28/2015		S <u>(1)</u>	72	D	\$ 41.6201	19,377	D	
Common Stock	10/29/2015		A(2)	800	A	\$ 42.94	20,177	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2015		S(3)	37	D	\$ 42.7401	20,140	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2015		M(4)	18,330	A	\$ 3.12	38,470	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2015		S(3)	18,330	D	\$ 42.3423 (5)	20,140	D	

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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)	Transaction Date 3A. Deemed  Ionth/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		TransactionDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$ 3.14	10/30/2015		M	18,330	11/01/2006	11/01/2015	Common Stock	18,330	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wittekind Beverly B.

buy)

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 VP & General Counsel MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

**Signatures** 

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as Attorney of Fact 10/30/2015

\*\*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 March 13, 2012.
- (2) These shares vest in five annual installments beginning October 29, 2015.
- (3) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on June 12, 2014.
- (4) The options exercised in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on September 8, 2015.

(5)

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This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.82 to \$43.17. 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.

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