

ENSIGN GROUP, INC
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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 *
Christensen Christopher R.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 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)
08/18/2016

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)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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	08/18/2016		M		51,324	A	\$ 12.85
					1,580,312	I	(1) (2)

By Hobble Creek Investments, LLC

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)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.85	08/18/2016		M	51,324	05/29/2015 ⁽³⁾ 05/29/2024	Common Stock 51,324

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Christensen Christopher R. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Keetch as power of attorney
08/22/2016
 **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).
- (1) Christopher R. Christensen is the sole member of this entity.
- (2) These shares were purchased by Mr. Christensen and will be held by Hobble Creek Investments, LLC.
- (3) The option was granted on May 29, 2014, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on May 29, 2015, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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