ENSIGN GROUP, INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Keetch Chad Issuer Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 08/19/2016 below) **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 Person

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(City)	(State) (A	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Secur	ities Acq	puired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securi on(A) or Di (D)		•	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3,	(A) or	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/19/2016		M	1,466	()	\$ 6.42	42,747	D	
Common Stock	08/19/2016		M	3,534	A	\$ 7.38	46,281	D	

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. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.42	08/19/2016		M	1,466	10/27/2012 <u>(1)</u>	10/27/2021	Common Stock	1,466
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.38	08/19/2016		M	3,534	02/08/2013(2)	02/08/2022	Common Stock	3,534

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Executive Vice President

Keetch Chad

27101 PUERTA REAL

SUITE 450

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

Signatures

Chad A. Keetch 08/23/2016

**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) The option was granted on October 27, 2011, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 27, 2012, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (2) The option was granted on February 8, 2012, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on February 8, 2013, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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