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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Snapper Suzanne D.

(City)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Security

(Last) (First) (Middle) 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/17/2009

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

4. Relationship of Reporting

Director

_X__ Officer

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person (give title below) (specify below)

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MISSION VIEJO, Â CAÂ 92691

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

(I) (Instr. 5) 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

Other

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

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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 (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 4) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security: Date Exercisable Expiration Security Direct (D) Date Amount or or Indirect Title Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/22/2008(1)	01/21/2018	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 11.03	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/31/2008(1)	07/30/2018	Common Stock	7,000	\$ 12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/29/2008(1)	10/28/2018	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 14.87	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/29/2009(1)	01/28/2019	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 16.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	04/30/2009(1)	04/29/2019	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 15.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/23/2009(1)	07/22/2019	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 15.92	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Snapper Suzanne D. 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	Â	Â	CFO	Â		

Signatures

Daniel H. Walker, by power of attorney 08/17/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) The Employee Stock Options are subject to a five year vesting schedule with 20% of the options vesting each year.

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