

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Snapper Suzanne D.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450  (Street) MISSION VIEJO CA 92691  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ ENSG ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2018	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	08/23/2018		M		10,000	A	\$4.23	159,561	D	
Common Stock	08/23/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		10,000	D	\$38.506 <sup>(2)</sup>	149,561	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2018		M		44,990	A	\$4.23	194,551	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		24,813	D	\$38.128 <sup>(3)</sup>	169,738	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2018		M		21,996	A	\$4.56	191,734	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		12,226	D	\$38.276 <sup>(4)</sup>	179,508	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.23	08/23/2018		M			10,000	04/30/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>	04/30/2019	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	44,990	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.23	08/23/2018		M			44,990	04/30/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>	04/30/2019	Common Stock	44,990	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.56	08/24/2018		M			21,996	01/29/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/29/2019	Common Stock	21,996	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on June 15, 2018.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$38.50 to \$38.51. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$37.79 to \$38.60. 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.

4. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$38.23 to \$38.52. 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.
5. The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 54,990 shares, was granted on April 30, 2009, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on April 30, 2010, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
6. The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 21,996 shares, was granted on January 29, 2009, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on January 29, 2010, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power      08/27/2018  
of attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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

\* 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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