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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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>Port Barry</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 <hr/> (Street) MISSION VIEJO CA 92691 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President of a subsidiary</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	9,500	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/22/2004 ⁽¹⁾	12/22/2014	Common Stock	8,000	2.45	D
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/01/2005 ⁽¹⁾	11/01/2015	Common Stock	10,000	5.75	D
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2006 ⁽¹⁾	07/26/2016	Common Stock	59,000	7.5	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. These Employee Stock Options are subject to a five year vesting schedule with 20% of the shares vesting each year and were fully exercisable on the date of grant for restricted stock subject to the same vesting schedule.

Remarks:

President of Keystone Care, Inc.; Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney for Barry R. Port

/s/ Daniel Walker, as attorney-in-fact 11/08/2007

** 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 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Gregory Stapley, Daniel Walker, Suzanne Snapper, Michael Flood, Ellen Bancroft, David Marx, Clayton Jones and certain other members or persons associated with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, and each of them, with full authority to act without the others, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a reporting person pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder, of The Ensign Group, Inc. (the "Company"), Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form ID and Form 3, 4 or 5 and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority or organization; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any of such attorneys-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any of such attorneys-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as any of such attorneys-in-fact may approve in the sole discretion of any of such attorneys-in-fact.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any of such attorneys-in-fact, or the substitute or substitutes of any of such attorneys-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of November, 2007.

Signature: /s/ Barry Port

Print Name: Barry Port

State of)
County of) ss.
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On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public in and for said State

(Notarial Seal)