### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 9, 2005

# **Encore Capital Group, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 000-26489 (Commission File Number) 48-1090909 (I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

8875 Aero Drive, Suite 200 San Diego, California 92123 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(877) 445-4581

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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### Item 2.02 Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 9, 2005 the Company issued a press release announcing its unaudited financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of Item 2.02

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of Encore Capital Group, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Date: May 9, 2005 /s/ Paul Grinberg

Paul Grinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2005.

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