

ENSIGN GROUP, INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Port Barry

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/05/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President of a subsidiary

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/05/2008		M	8,000 A \$ 2.45	17,500	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)

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)

\$ 2.45

02/05/2008

M

8,000

12/22/2004⁽¹⁾

12/22/2014

Common Stock

8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Port Barry 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	President of a subsidiary

Signatures

Daniel Walker as attorney-in-fact

02/06/2008

**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) These Employee Stock Options were 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.

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