

ENSIGN GROUP, INC
Form 8-K
January 06, 2011

**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): December 31, 2010

The Ensign Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-33757

(Commission File Number)

33-0861263

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

27101 Puerta Real, Suite 450, Mission Viejo, CA

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92691

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(949) 487-9500**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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:

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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))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 31, 2010, four of The Ensign Group, Inc. s (the Company) real estate holding subsidiaries as Borrowers executed a promissory note in favor of RBS Asset Finance, Inc. (RBS) as Lender in order to memorialize a US\$35 million term loan from RBS (the Loan). The Loan was secured by Commercial Deeds of Trust, Security Agreements, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filings on the four properties owned by the four Borrowers, and other related instruments and agreements, including without limitation a promissory note and a Company guaranty (collectively, the Loan Documents).

The Loan Documents evidence a seven-year term loan, with monthly principal and interest payments commencing on February 1, 2011 and the balance due on January 1, 2018. The Loan bears interest at a fixed rate of 6.04 percent. Amounts borrowed under the Loan may be prepaid starting after the second anniversary of the note subject to certain prepayment fees.

Among other things, under the Loan Documents the Company must maintain compliance with specified financial covenants measured on a quarterly basis, including a minimum debt service coverage ratio (with a range of 1.65:1 to 1.70:1), an average occupancy rate of 74 percent for each of the collateralized properties and a minimum project yield (with a range of 15.5 percent to 16 percent). The Loan Documents also include certain additional affirmative and negative covenants, including limitations on the disposition of the Borrowers and the collateral.

The foregoing description of the Loan Documents does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such Loan Documents, which are attached as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2. to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosure set forth above and referenced under Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 6, 2011, the Company issued a press release regarding the securing of the loan described in Item 1.01 above. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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10.2	Note, dated December 31, 2010, by certain subsidiaries of the Company
99.1	Press Release of the Company

SIGNATURES

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.

THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.

/s/ SUZANNE D. SNAPPER

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 6, 2010

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