Wittekind Beverly B. Form 4 October 03, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

Wittekind Beverly B. Issuer Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 10/01/2012 below) VP & General Counsel

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Deficitionary Owned								
2. Transaction Date	insaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or				Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
	any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
			(4)			Reported			
						Transaction(s)			
		Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
10/01/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	4,000	D	\$ 30	26,271	D		
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of ar Repeticially Owned

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr	
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address**

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wittekind Beverly B.

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

VP & General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper as Power of 10/03/2012 Attorney

> **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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on March 13, 2012.

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