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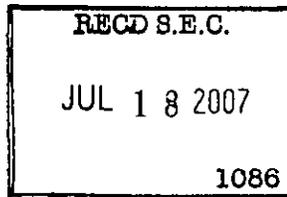
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Ms. Cecile Peters  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549



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Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on July 16, 2007 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from ENCORE BANCSHARES, INC. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common stock, \$1.00 par value

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*Gary Sundick*

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