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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WEINSTOCK DAVID B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD., CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET

(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Essent Group Ltd. [ESNT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
VP & Chief Accounting Officer

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

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) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or (D) Price | | |
| Common shares, par value \$0.015 | 01/01/2017 | | M | | 4,558 A (1) 73,428 | D | |
| Common shares, par value \$0.015 | 01/01/2017 | | F | | 1,639 (2) \$ 32.37 71,789 | 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)

| 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted share units | (1) | 01/01/2017 | | M | 4,000 | (3) (3) | Common shares, par value \$0.015 | 4,000 |
| Restricted share units | (1) | 01/01/2017 | | M | 558 | (4) (4) | Common shares, par value \$0.015 | 558 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

WEINSTOCK DAVID B
C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD.
CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET
HAMILTON, D0 HM11

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VP & Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence E. McAlee, as
attorney-in-fact

01/04/2017

__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) Restricted share units convert into common shares on a one-for-one basis.

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- (2) Represents shares delivered to issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted share units.
- (3) On November 5, 2013, the reporting person was granted 12,000 restricted share units, vesting in equal installments on each of January 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (4) On February 14, 2014, the reporting person was granted 1,676 restricted share units, vesting in equal installments on each of January 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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