

Essent Group Ltd.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
PBRA (CAYMAN) Co

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PINE BROOK ROAD  
PARTNERS LLC, 60 EAST 42ND  
STREET, 50TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10165

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ 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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Shares, par value \$0.015 | 02/24/2016                           |  | P                              |   | 264,436   | A  | \$ 19.1008<br>(3)                 |
|                                  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10,010,700  | I  | (1)                               |

See Footnotes (1) (2)

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |             |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other       |
| PBRA (CAYMAN) Co<br>C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC<br>60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10165             |               | X         |         | See Remarks |
| Pine Brook Road Advisors, LP<br>C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC<br>60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10165 |               | X         |         | See Remarks |
| PBRA, LLC<br>C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS, LLC<br>60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10165                   |               | X         |         | See Remarks |
| NEWMAN HOWARD H<br>C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC<br>60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10165              |               | X         |         | See Remarks |
| Essent Intermediate, L.P.<br>C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC<br>60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10165    |               | X         |         | See Remarks |

## Signatures

PBRA (CAYMAN) COMPANY, By: /s/ Rob Jackowitz, Director 02/26/2016  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date  
 PINE BROOK ROAD ADVISORS, LP, By: Robert Jackowitz, Chief Compliance Officer 02/26/2016

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| <u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>   | Date       |
|--|------------|
| PBRA, LLC, By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz, Executive Vice President  | 02/26/2016 |
| <u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>   | Date       |
| HOWARD H. NEWMAN, By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz, Attorney-in-Fact   | 02/26/2016 |
| <u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>   | Date       |
| ESSENT INTERMEDIATE, L.P., By: PBRA (CAYMAN) COMPANY, its general partner,<br>By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz, Director | 02/26/2016 |
| <u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>   | 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) Represents Common Shares ("Shares") held directly by Essent Intermediate, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, ("Essent Intermediate"). PBRA (Cayman) Company, a Cayman Islands exempted company, ("PBRA Cayman") is the general partner of Essent Intermediate.

Pine Brook Road Advisors, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, ("Advisors") serves as investment manager to Essent Intermediate. PBRA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, serves as general partner of Advisors. Howard H. Newman, a U.S. citizen, ("Mr. Newman") is the sole member of PBRA, LLC. In such capacities, each of PBRA Cayman, Advisors, PBRA, LLC and Mr. Newman may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own Shares held by Essent Intermediate and disclaims beneficial ownership of all such Shares except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein.
  - (2) This price reflects the weighted average purchase price for open-market purchases of Shares made by the Reporting Persons on February 24, 2016, within a \$1.00 range. The actual prices for these transactions range from \$18.52 to \$19.20, inclusive. The Reporting Persons further undertake to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of Shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (3) to this Form 4.

### Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 - Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Schedule 13D/A filed by PBRA (Cayman) Co

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