

Essent Group Ltd.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
02/10/2016

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
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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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Pr Deriv |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|-------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Secu (Instr. 3) | | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted share units | (1) | 02/10/2016 | A | | 3,721 | | (1) | (1) | Common shares, par value \$0.015 | 3,721 \$ 1 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

VP & Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

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

02/12/2016

__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) Granted under the issuer's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan as a portion of annual bonus for 2015. The restricted share units will be settled in the issuer's common shares, and will vest in equal installments on each of March 1, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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