Essent Group Ltd. Form 4 March 03, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Check this box

if no longer

subject to

Section 16.

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(b).

(Last)

(City)

shares, par

value \$0.015

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCALEE LAWRENCE E JR

> (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

(State)

03/01/2017

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Essent Group Ltd. [ESNT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017

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

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

SVP & Chief Financial Officer

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securit | ties Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) | | | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | • | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | | | or | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) Price | ; | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | |

5,280

(1)

D

35.54

F

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secur |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | ecurity Acquired | | | | | | | | Follo | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title Number | Number | | |
| | | | | | | LACICISAUIC Date | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

MCALEE LAWRENCE E JR C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD. CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM11

SVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence E. 03/03/2017 McAlee

**Signature of Reporting Date Person

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 shares delivered to issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted shares.

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