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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common shares, par

value \$0.015 01/01/2017

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

	Address of Reporting CK DAVID B	Symb	suer Name and Ticker or Trading ol nt Group Ltd. [ESNT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3. Dat	e of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)							
C/O ESSEN	NT GROUP RENDON HOUS	(Monto) 01/0	h/Day/Year) 1/2017	Director 10% Owner Sofficer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP & Chief Accounting Officer							
	(Street)	4. If A	Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check							
HAMILTO	N, D0 HM11	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
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(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Ye.	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect							
Common shares, par value \$0.015	01/01/2017		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>1)</u> 73,428 D							

1,639

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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71,789

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted share units	(1)	01/01/2017		M	4,000	(3)	(3)	Common shares, par value \$0.015	4,000	\$
Restricted share units	<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2017		M	558	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common shares, par value \$0.015	558	\$

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 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.
- 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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