Essent Group Ltd. Form 4 February 10, 2017

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

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1(b).

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MARZOL ADOLFO

(Middle)

(First)

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

(Street)

(State)

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Essent Group Ltd. [ESNT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2017

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

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

5. Amount of

Securities

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

Applicable Line)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

or

Beneficially Owned Following Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Underlying Securities

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify

Senior Policy Advisor

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

10% Owner

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

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(9-02)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Estimated average

burden hours per

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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 (Insti
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted share units	(1)	02/08/2017		A	3,032		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common shares, par value \$0.015	3,032	\$ 3

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips							
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MARZOL ADOLFO								
C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD.	X			Senior Policy Advisor				
CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET								
HAMILTON, D0 HM11								

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence E. McAlee, as attorney-in-fact 02/10/2017

**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) Granted under the issuer's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and will vest in full on March 1, 2018. Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive one ESNT common share.

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