

Essent Group Ltd.
Form 5
February 14, 2017

FORM 5

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAULS DOUGLAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2016

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM 11

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Person

(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)	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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common shares, par value \$0.015	05/20/2016	Â	G	4,487 (1) D	\$ 0 0	D	Â
Common shares, par value \$0.015	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	12,972	I	By Douglas J. Pauls Revocable Trust U/A

Dated Jan
30 2013

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

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(9-02)**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. of D S B O E I F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PAULS DOUGLAS J
C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD.
CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET
HAMILTON, D0 HM 11

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Signatures

Lawrence E. McAlee, as
attorney-in-fact

02/14/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) On May 20, 2016, the reporting person transferred 4,487 shares to the Douglas J. Pauls Revocable Trust U/A Dated Jan 30 2013, of which the reporting person is the sole trustee and the reporting person and his wife are beneficiaries.

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