

Essent Group Ltd.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Hissong Joseph</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD., Â CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HAMILTON, Â D0Â HM 11</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/10/2016</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Essent Group Ltd. [ESNT]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common shares, par value \$0.015	55,841 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hissong Joseph C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD. CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM 11	^	^	^ Senior Vice President	^

## Signatures

Lawrence E. McAlee, as attorney-in-fact 05/04/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).  
 Represents restricted shares granted under the issuer's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan, of which (i) 20,203 shares are subject to time-based vesting in equal installments on each of July 1, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, (ii) 5,145 shares were granted as part of the reporting person's annual bonus for 2015 and will vest in equal installments on each of March 1, 2017, 2018 and 2019, (iii) 5,145 shares are subject to time-based vesting and will vest in equal installments on each of March 1, 2017, 2018 and 2019, (iv) 20,203 shares will become earned based upon the issuer's compounded annual book value per share growth percentage during a three-year performance period commencing January 1, 2015 and vesting on July 1, 2019, and (v) 5,145 shares will become earned based upon the issuer's compounded annual book value per share growth percentage during a three-year performance period commencing January 1, 2016 and vesting on March 1, 2019.

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**Remarks:**  
 Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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