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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bhasin Vijay

> (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Essent Group Ltd. [ESNT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP and Chief Risk Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securiti Transaction(A) or Dis Code (Instr. 3, 4		spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common shares, par value \$0.015	02/07/2018		A	9,996 (1)	A	\$ 45.02	303,697	D	
Common shares, par value \$0.015	02/07/2018		A	9,996 (2)	A	\$ 45.02	313,693	D	

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	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	Secui
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					of (D)						(Instr
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				G 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bhasin Vijay C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD. CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM11

SVP and Chief Risk Officer

Signatures

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

02/09/2018

**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).
- Represents restricted shares granted under the issuer's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan subject to time-based vesting in equal installments on each of March 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- Represents restricted shares granted under the issuer's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan, with any shares becoming earned based upon the (2) issuer's compounded annual book value per share growth percentage during a three-year performance period commencing January 1, 2018 and vesting on March 1, 2021.

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