

Essent Group Ltd.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 WEST STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/15-04:00/2015

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

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	04/15-04:00/2015		P		600	A	\$ 24.9717 (3)	5,306,943	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
Common Shares	04/15-04:00/2015		S		600	D	\$ 24.9717	5,306,343	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (4) (5)

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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC
200 WEST STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10282

Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact
04/17-04:00/2015
**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) This statement is being filed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group" or the "Reporting Person"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein, if any, and this statement shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
- (2) The common shares, par value \$0.015 per share (the "Common Shares") of Essent Group Ltd. (the "Company") reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were beneficially owned directly by a wholly owned subsidiary of GS Group. Without admitting any legal obligation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Company.
- (3) Reflects a weighted average purchase price of \$24.9717 per share, at prices ranging from \$24.96 to \$24.99 per share. Upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company, or a security holder of the Company, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price will be provided.
- (4) As of April 15, 2015, GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own directly, in the aggregate, 5,306,343 of the Common Shares.
- (5) Excludes 6,014,920 Common Shares beneficially owned by Commonwealth Annuity and Life Reinsurance Company Limited ("Commonwealth"). The Reporting Person disclaims both any pecuniary interest in any such Common Shares (and the Reporting Person

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will not report any transactions by Commonwealth in the Common Shares) and beneficial ownership of any such Common Shares for purposes of the calculation of greater than 10% beneficial ownership.

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