

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 MCALEE LAWRENCE E JR</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>10/30/2013</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) Sr. VP &amp; CFO</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**

<p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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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)**

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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				Shares		or Indirect (1) (Instr. 5)	
Class A Common Shares	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Shares	67,854 (3)	\$ (1)	D	Â
Class B-2 Common Shares	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Shares	144,468 (4)	\$ (2)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCALEE LAWRENCE E JR C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD. CLARENDON HOUSE 2 CHURCH STREET HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM 11	Â	Â	Â Sr. VP & CFO	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Mary Lourdes Gibbons,  
attorney-in-fact

10/30/2013

\*\*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).
- (1) The Class A Common Shares automatically convert into Common Shares, par value \$0.015 per share, after giving effect to the 2 for 3 share split, immediately prior to consummation of the issuer's initial public offering.  
The Class B-2 Common Shares that are eligible to vest under the issuer's Amended and Restated 2009 Restricted Share Plan (the "2009 Plan") automatically convert into Common Shares, par value \$0.015 per share, after giving effect to the 2 for 3 share split, immediately prior to consummation of the issuer's initial public offering and any Class B-2 Common Shares that are not eligible to vest under the 2009 Plan are forfeited immediately prior to consummation of the issuer's initial public offering.
- (3) Includes 35,779 restricted shares granted under the issuer's Annual Leadership Bonus Plan, of which 17,624 vest on January 1, 2014, 11,836 vest on January 1, 2015 and the remaining restricted shares vest on January 1, 2016.
- (4) Includes 48,156 restricted shares granted under the issuer's 2009 Plan that vest on June 1, 2014.

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### Remarks:

ExhibitÂ List:Â ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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