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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PBRA (CAYMAN) Co

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) Essent Group Ltd. [ESNT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC, 60 EAST 42ND (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2016

Officer (give title below) below) See Remarks

X__ 10% Owner _X_ Other (specify

STREET, 50TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10165

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative | Secur | ities Acquir | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securitie on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) | f (D) | uired (A) or | 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) |
| Common Shares, par value \$0.015 | 02/24/2016 | | P | 264,436 | A | \$ 19.1008 (3) | 10,010,700 (1) | I | See Footnotes (1) (2) |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amou or Title Numb of Share. | er | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| PBRA (CAYMAN) Co C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC 60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10165 | | X | | See Remarks | | |
| Pine Brook Road Advisors, LP C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC 60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10165 | | X | | See Remarks | | |
| PBRA, LLC C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS, LLC 60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10165 | | X | | See Remarks | | |
| NEWMAN HOWARD H C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC 60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10165 | | X | | See Remarks | | |
| Essent Intermediate, L.P. C/O PINE BROOK ROAD PARTNERS LLC 60 EAST 42ND STREET, 50TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10165 | | X | | See Remarks | | |

Signatures

| PBRA (CAYMAN) COMPANY, By: /s/ Rob Jackowitz, Director | | | |
|--|------------|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| PINE BROOK ROAD ADVISORS, LP, By: Robert Jackowitz, Chief Compliance Officer | 02/26/2016 | | |

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**Signature of Reporting Person Date

PBRA, LLC, By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz, Executive Vice President 02/26/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

HOWARD H. NEWMAN, By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz, Attorney-in-Fact 02/26/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

ESSENT INTERMEDIATE, L.P., By: PBRA (CAYMAN) COMPANY, its general partner,

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz, Director

02/26/2016

**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 Common Shares ("Shares") held directly by Essent Intermediate, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership,
- (1) ("Essent Intermediate"). PBRA (Cayman) Company, a Cayman Islands exempted company, ("PBRA Cayman") is the general partner of Essent Intermediate.
 - Pine Brook Road Advisors, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, ("Advisors") serves as investment manager to Essent Intermediate. PBRA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, serves as general partner of Advisors. Howard H. Newman, a U.S. citizen, ("Mr.
- (2) Newman") is the sole member of PBRA, LLC. In such capacities, each of PBRA Cayman, Advisors, PBRA, LLC and Mr. Newman may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own Shares held by Essent Intermediate and disclaims beneficial ownership of all such Shares except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein.
- This price reflects the weighted average purchase price for open-market purchases of Shares made by the Reporting Persons on February 24, 2016, within a \$1.00 range. The actual prices for these transactions range from \$18.52 to \$19.20, inclusive. The Reporting Persons further undertake to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of Shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (3) to this Form 4.

Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 - Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Schedule 13D/A filed by PBRA (Cayman) Con

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