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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gibbons Mary Lourdes

> (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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) SVP and Chief Legal Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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(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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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	02/07/2018				` /		241,609	D	
Common shares, par value \$0.015	02/07/2018		A	6,664 (2)	A	\$ 45.02	248,273	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		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Conversion		(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amoun	it of	Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					4, and 5)						
					4, and 3)						
									Amount		
						Data	Evaluation		or		
						Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Title 1	Title Number			
							Date	of	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gibbons Mary Lourdes C/O ESSENT GROUP LTD. CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM11

SVP and Chief Legal 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).
- (1) 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 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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