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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCALEE LAWRENCE E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common shares, par value \$0.015	01/01/2014		F		5,603 (1)	D	\$ 23.81	281,719	D
Common shares, par value \$0.015	02/14/2014		A		4,779	A	(2)	286,498	D
Common shares, par value	02/14/2014		A		7,043	A	(3)	293,541	D

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Represents restricted shares granted under the issuer's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan, including 3,521 restricted shares subject to performance-based percentage vesting, 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 March 1, 2014 and vesting upon the completion of the performance period, and 3,522 restricted shares subject to time-based vesting in equal installments on each of March 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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