

Essent Group Ltd.  
Form SC 13D/A  
February 27, 2017

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 6)\*

Essent Group Ltd.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, Par Value \$0.015 Per Share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

G3198U102  
(CUSIP Number)

PBRA (Cayman) Company  
c/o Pine Brook Road Advisors, LLC  
60 East 42nd Street, 50th Floor  
New York, NY 10165  
(212) 847-4335  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 14, 2017  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. [ ]

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).



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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
2. PBRA (Cayman) Company  
Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
  - (a)
  - (b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)
5. AF  
Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6.   
Citizenship or Place of Organization

Cayman Islands

Number of	7. Sole Voting Power	0
Shares	8. Shared Voting Power	7,267,407
Beneficially	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
Owned by	10. Shared Dispositive Power	7,267,407

Each Reporting Person With

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
7,267,407
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13.   
Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
7.78%
14. Type of Reporting Person:

OO



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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
  
Essent Intermediate, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)    
(b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
  
Cayman Islands
- |              |                              |           |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of    | 7. Sole Voting Power         | 0         |
| Shares       | 8. Shared Voting Power       | 7,267,407 |
| Beneficially | 9. Sole Dispositive Power    | 0         |
| Owned by     | 10. Shared Dispositive Power | 7,267,407 |
- Each Reporting Person With
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
  
7,267,407
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
  
7.78%
  14. Type of Reporting Person:  
  
PN
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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
  
Pine Brook Road Advisors, LP
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)    
(b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
AF
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
  
Delaware
- |              |                              |           |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of    | 7. Sole Voting Power         | 0         |
| Shares       | 8. Shared Voting Power       | 7,267,407 |
| Beneficially | 9. Sole Dispositive Power    | 0         |
| Owned by     | 10. Shared Dispositive Power | 7,267,407 |
- Each Reporting Person With
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
  
7,267,407
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
  
7.78%
  14. Type of Reporting Person:  
  
PN
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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
  
PBRA, LLC
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)   
(b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
AF
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
  - Number of 7. Sole Voting Power 0  
Shares 8. Shared Voting Power 7,267,407  
Beneficially 9. Sole Dispositive Power 0  
Owned by 10. Shared Dispositive Power 7,267,407  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With
  11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
  
7,267,407
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
  
7.78%
  14. Type of Reporting Person:  
  
OO, HC
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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
  
Howard H. Newman
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)    
(b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
AF
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
  
United States of America
- |   |                              |           |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7. Sole Voting Power         | 0         |
|   | 8. Shared Voting Power       | 7,267,407 |
|   | 9. Sole Dispositive Power    | 0         |
|   | 10. Shared Dispositive Power | 7,267,407 |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
  
7,267,407
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
  
7.78%
  14. Type of Reporting Person:  
  
IN, HC
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Preliminary Note. Pursuant to Rule 13d-2 promulgated under the Act, this amendment to Schedule 13D (this “Amendment No. 6”) amends the Schedule 13D filed on November 12, 2013, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on November 26, 2014, Amendment No. 2 filed on March 13, 2015, Amendment No. 3 filed on August 18, 2015, Amendment No. 4 filed on March 11, 2016, and Amendment No. 5 filed on November 14, 2016 (collectively, the “Schedule 13D”). Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment No. 6 does not modify any of the information previously reported in the Schedule 13D. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 6 shall have the meanings given them in the Schedule 13D.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

(a) As of February 24, 2017, each of PBRA, Essent Intermediate, Advisors, PBRA, LLC and Mr. Newman may be deemed to beneficially own 7,267,407 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 7.78% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, and may be deemed to constitute a “person” or “group” within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission of such beneficial ownership or that any of the Reporting Persons constitute a person or a group.

The foregoing beneficial ownership percentages are based on 93,390,034 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of February 10, 2017 according to the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K, filed February 16, 2017.

(b) Each of PBRA, Essent Intermediate, Advisors, PBRA, LLC and Mr. Newman shares the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the 7,267,407 shares of Common Stock described in Item 5(a) above.

(c) On February 14, 2017, Essent Intermediate sold 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock in a block trade with its broker at a price of \$36.20 per share. In addition, on February 14, 2017, Essent Intermediate sold 48,829 shares of Common Stock in the open-market in a routine brokerage transaction at a weighted-average price of \$36.6601 per share. The actual prices for these transactions range from \$36.60 to \$36.87, inclusive. Further, on February 21, 2017, Essent Intermediate sold 6,400 shares of Common Stock in the open-market in a routine brokerage transaction at a weighted-average price of \$35.2735 per share. The actual prices for these transactions range from \$35.25 to \$35.35, inclusive. The Reporting Persons further undertake to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares of Common Stock sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in Item 5(c). No other transactions in the Common Stock have been effected by any of the Reporting Persons within the past 60 days.

(d) Except as set forth in this Item 5 and for persons referred to in Item 2 of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D, no person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons.

(e) Not applicable.

**Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.**

Joint Filing Agreement

Exhibit

1:

Exhibit Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Schedule 13D/A filed by PRBA (Cayman)

2: Company on March 13, 2015)

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

PBRA (CAYMAN)

COMPANY

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz

Robert Jackowitz, Director

ESSENT INTERMEDIATE, L.P.

By: PBRA (CAYMAN) COMPANY, its general partner

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz

Robert Jackowitz, Director

PINE BROOK ROAD ADVISORS, LP

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz

Robert Jackowitz, Chief Compliance Officer

PBRA, LLC

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz

Robert Jackowitz, Executive Vice President

HOWARD H. NEWMAN

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz

Robert Jackowitz, Attorney-in-Fact

February 27, 2017

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the Common Shares of Essent Group Ltd. dated as of February 27, 2017 is, and any amendments thereto (including amendments on Schedule 13D) signed by each of the undersigned shall be, filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

PBRA (CAYMAN)  
COMPANY

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz  
Robert Jackowitz, Director

ESSENT INTERMEDIATE, L.P.

By: PBRA (CAYMAN) COMPANY, its general partner  
By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz  
Robert Jackowitz, Director

PINE BROOK ROAD ADVISORS, LP

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz  
Robert Jackowitz, Chief Compliance Officer

PBRA, LLC

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz  
Robert Jackowitz, Executive Vice President

HOWARD H. NEWMAN

By: /s/ Robert Jackowitz  
Robert Jackowitz, Attorney-in-Fact

February 27, 2017

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