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

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

SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 3)\*

ESSENT GROUP LTD.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Shares, \$0.015 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)
G3198U102
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2016
December 31, 2010
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
[_] Rule 13d-1(b)
[_] Rule 13d-1(c)
[X] Rule 13d-1(d)
*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).

CUSIP No. G3	198U102 13G				
I.R.S.	Reporting Person dentification No. of above Person  GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.				
2. Check th	2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group  (a) [_] (b) [_]				
3. SEC Use	Only				
	hip or Place of Organization				
Number of	5. Sole Voting Power 413,462				
Shares Beneficiall Owned by	6. Shared Voting Power  Y  183,974				
Each Reporting	7. Sole Dispositive Power 413,462				
Person With:	8. Shared Dispositive Power				
	e Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
	the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  [_]  of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)				

0.6 %

12. Type of Repor	rting	Person	
HC-CO			
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CUSIP No. G3198U1	L02	13G	
1. Name of Report I.R.S. Identi		Person ion No. of above Person	
GOLDMAN,	SACHS	& CO.	
2. Check the App	oropri	ate Box if a Member of a Group	
			(a) [_] (b) [_]
3. SEC Use Only			
4. Citizenship	or Pla	ce of Organization	
New York	ζ		
	5.	Sole Voting Power	
Number of		0	
Shares	 6.	Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially		183,974	
Owned by			
Each	7.	Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting		0	
Person	8.	Shared Dispositive Power	
With:		183,974	

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 183,974 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.2 % 12. Type of Reporting Person BD-PN-IA Page 3 of 11 Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: ESSENT GROUP LTD. Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM11, Bermuda Item 2(a). Name of Persons Filing: THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC. GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 200 West Street New York, NY 10282 Goldman, Sachs & Co. 200 West Street New York, NY 10282 Item 2(c). Citizenship:

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC. - Delaware

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. - New York

Title of Class of Securities: Common Shares, \$0.015 par value

Item 2(d).

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

G3198U102

- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
  - (a).[\_] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).
  - (b).[\_] Bank as defined in Section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
  - (c).[\_] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act  $(15~\mathrm{U.s.c.}~78\mathrm{c})$ .
  - (d).[\_] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
  - (e).[\_] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
  - (f).[\_] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
  - (g).[\_] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
  - (h).[\_] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
  - (i).[\_] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
  - (j).[\_] A non-U.S.institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (J);
  - (k).[\_] A group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii) (A) through (K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

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Item 4. Ownership.\*

- (a). Amount beneficially owned:
   See the response(s) to Item 9 on the attached cover page(s).
- (b). Percent of Class: See the response(s) to Item 11 on the attached cover page(s).
- (c). Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i). Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 5 on the attached cover page(s).
  - (ii). Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 6 on the attached cover page(s).

- (iii). Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See the response(s) to Item 7 on the attached cover page(s).
- (iv). Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition
   of: See the response(s) to Item 8 on the attached
   cover page(s).
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

  If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting persons have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].
- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Clients of the Reporting Person(s) have or may have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, securities held in their accounts. Clients known to have such right or power with respect to more than 5% of the class of securities to which this report relates are:

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

See Exhibit (99.2)

- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

  Not Applicable
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

  Not Applicable
- Item 10. Certification.

Not Applicable

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\*In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998) (the "Release"), this filing reflects the securities beneficially owned by certain operating units (collectively, the "Goldman Sachs Reporting Units") of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, "GSG"). This filing does not reflect securities, if any, beneficially owned by any operating units of GSG whose ownership of securities is disaggregated from that of the Goldman Sachs Reporting Units in accordance with the Release. The Goldman Sachs Reporting Units disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by (i) any client accounts with respect to which the Goldman Sachs Reporting Units or their employees have voting or investment discretion or both, or with respect to which there are limits on their voting or investment authority or both and (ii) certain investment entities of which the Goldman Sachs Reporting Units act as the general partner, managing general partner or other manager, to the extent interests in such entities are held by persons other than the Goldman Sachs Reporting Units.

#### 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.

Date: February 13, 2017

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

By:/s/ Annie (Au) Hsu

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Name: Annie (Au) Hsu Title: Attorney-in-fact

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By:/s/ Annie (Au) Hsu

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Name: Annie (Au) Hsu Title: Attorney-in-fact

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Joint Filing Agreement
99.2	Item 7 Information
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EXHIBIT (99.1)

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) (1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the undersigned agree to the joint filing of a Statement on Schedule 13G (including any and all amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Shares, \$0.015 par value, of ESSENT GROUP LTD. and further agree to the filing of this agreement as an Exhibit thereto. In addition, each party to this Agreement expressly authorizes each other party to this Agreement to file on its behalf any and all amendments to such Statement on Schedule 13G.

Date: February 13, 2017

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

By:/s/ Annie (Au) Hsu

Name: Annie (Au) Hsu

Title: Attorney-in-fact

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By:/s/ Annie (Au) Hsu