

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF
ESSENT GROUP LTD.

May 3, 2017

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2017:

The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders are available on our website at <http://www.essentgroup.com>.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2, 3, 4 AND 5.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

FOR ALL NOMINEES

NOMINEES:

- Mark A. Casale Class III Director
 Douglas J. Pauls Class III Director
 William Spiegel Class III Director

WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES

FOR ALL EXCEPT (See instructions below)

INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEPT" and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: ●

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

Signature of Shareholder

Date:

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Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

2. REAPPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND UNTIL THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, AND TO REFER THE DETERMINATION OF THE AUDITORS' COMPENSATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

3. PROVIDE A NON-BINDING, ADVISORY VOTE ON OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

4. APPROVE THE ESSENT GROUP LTD. ANNUAL INCENTIVE PLAN.

5. APPROVE THE ESSENT GROUP LTD. 2013 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED.

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. This proxy when properly executed will be voted as directed herein by the undersigned shareholder. **If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR ALL NOMINEES in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

MARK "X" HERE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

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PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

INTERNET - Access "www.voteproxy.com" and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. Have your proxy card available when you access the web page.



TELEPHONE - Call toll-free **1-800-PROXIES** (1-800-776-9437) in the United States or **1-718-921-8500** from foreign countries from any touch-tone telephone and follow the instructions. Have your proxy card available when you call.

Vote online/phone until 11:59 PM EST the day before the meeting.

MAIL - Sign, date and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

IN PERSON - You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting.

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ESSENT GROUP LTD.

Proxy for Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on May 3, 2017

Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned hereby appoints Mark A. Casale and Lawrence E. McAlee, and each of them, with full power of substitution and power to act alone, as proxies to vote all the Common Shares which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present and acting at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Essent Group Ltd., to be held May 3, 2017 at the Fairmont Southampton Hotel, 101 South Shore Road, Southampton SN02, Bermuda, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof, as follows:

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side.)