

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

Pursuant to the attached Political Activities and Contributions Policy (“Policy”) of Essendant Inc. (“ESND”), management is required to provide an annual report of ESND’s political contributions and other political activities to the Governance Committee of the ESND Board of Directors.

Management performed a review of expenses in 2015 to identify political activities and contributions and compliance with the Policy. Payments of \$40,920 to the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors and \$60,000 to the Commercial Club Foundation, both of which organizations engage in certain political activities, were made in accordance with the Policy and approved by ESND’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

No other political contributions or payments in connection with political activities were identified.

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