

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 2016 to identify political activities and contributions and compliance with the Policy. No political contributions or payments in connection with political activities were identified.

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