

## **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 reviewed 2017 expenses to identify political activities and contributions and compliance with the Policy. In 2017 the Company paid \$46,874 for membership dues to the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors, which engages in certain political activities. These payments were approved by ESND’s President and Chief Executive Officer and made in accordance with the Policy.

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

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