

**Section 1: 8-K (8-K DEPARTURE)**

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 5, 2016

**ESSENDANT INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-10653**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-3141189**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Parkway North Blvd.  
Suite 100  
Deerfield, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60015-2559**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(847) 627-7000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02**                    **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 9, 2016, the Registrant announced the resignation of Eric A. Blanchard as the Registrant's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, effective March 5, 2016. Mr. Blanchard is leaving to pursue another leadership opportunity outside the Registrant.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 9, 2016

ESSENDANT INC.

/s/Brendan J. McKeough  
Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary