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## Section 1: SC 13D/A (SC 13D/A)

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

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**SCHEDULE 13D**  
(Rule 13d-101)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13d-2(a)**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)**

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**Essendant Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**296689102**  
(CUSIP Number)

**Sean D. Rodgers, P.C.  
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601 Lexington Avenue  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**May 17, 2018**  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box.

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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- \* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).
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**SCHEDULE 13D**

CUSIP No. 296689102

1	Name of Reporting Person  Emu Investments LLC	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds  AF	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization  Delaware	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7	Sole Voting Power  0
	8	Shared Voting Power  4,203,631
	9	Sole Dispositive Power  0
	10	Shared Dispositive Power  4,203,631
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  4,203,631	
12	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  11.16% (1)	
14	Type of Reporting Person  OO	

(1) Calculated based 37,656,113 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share of Essendant Inc., outstanding as of April 20, 2018, as reported in Essendant Inc.'s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018.

**SCHEDULE 13D**

CUSIP No. 296689102

1	Name of Reporting Person  Staples, Inc.	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds  WC	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization  Delaware	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7	Sole Voting Power  0
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1	Name of Reporting Person	
	Arch Investors L.P.	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds	
	OO	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization	
	Delaware	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7	Sole Voting Power
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1	Name of Reporting Person  SP GP (Cayman) Ltd.	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds  OO	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization  Cayman Islands	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7	Sole Voting Power  0
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1	Name of Reporting Person  Sycamore Partners II, L.P.	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds  OO	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  <input type="checkbox"/>	
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1	Name of Reporting Person	
	Sycamore Partners II GP, L.P.	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds	
	NA	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization	
	Cayman Islands	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7	Sole Voting Power
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1	Name of Reporting Person  Sycamore Partners II GP, Ltd.	
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3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds  NA	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  <input type="checkbox"/>	
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1	Name of Reporting Person	
	Stefan L. Kaluzny	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds	
	OO	
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization	
	United States	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7	Sole Voting Power
		4,203,631
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		0
	9	Sole Dispositive Power
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14	Type of Reporting Person	
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This statement constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D relating to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the “Common Stock”), of Essendant Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”), and hereby amends the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2018 (the “Initial Schedule 13D” or the “Schedule 13D”).

### **Item 1. Security and Issuer**

Item 1 is hereby amended by amending and restating the second paragraph as follows:

As of May 17, 2018, the Reporting Persons (defined below) beneficially owned an aggregate of 4,203,631 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 11.16% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

### **Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration**

Item 3 is hereby amended by amending and restating it in its entirety as follows:

As of May 17, 2018, Emu had invested approximately \$39,926,608.64 (exclusive of brokerage commissions) to purchase the 4,203,631 shares of Common Stock it owns. Emu obtained such funds through cash on hand of Staples.

### **Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

Item 5 is hereby amended by amending and restating the first two paragraphs as follows:

(a) , (b) Based upon the Issuer’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018, there were 37,656,113 shares of the Common Stock outstanding as of April 20, 2018.

Based on the foregoing, as of May 17, 2018, the 4,203,631 shares of the Common Stock (the “Subject Shares”) beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons represent approximately 11.16% of the shares of the Common Stock issued and outstanding. Such 4,203,631 shares of the Common Stock are directly owned by Emu.

Item 5(c) is hereby amended by amending and restating the first paragraph as follows:

(c) Exhibit 99.2, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5(c) as if restated in full, describes all of the transactions in shares of Common Stock that were effected in the past sixty days by the Reporting Persons. Except as set forth in Exhibit 99.2 attached hereto, within the last 60 days, no reportable transactions were effected by any Reporting Person. As described on Exhibit 99.2, no Reporting Person has transacted in shares of Common Stock since May 17, 2018.

### **Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits**

Item 7 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

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| Exhibit 99.1 | Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of May 16, 2018, among Emu Investments LLC, Staples, Inc., Arch Investors L.P., SP GP (Cayman) Ltd., Sycamore Partners II, L.P., Sycamore Partners II GP, L.P., Sycamore Partners II GP, Ltd. and Stefan L. Kaluzny (previously filed). |
| Exhibit 99.2 | Trading data (filed herewith).   |
| Exhibit 99.3 | Letter from Staples, Inc. to Essendant Inc. dated April 17, 2018 (previously filed).   |
| Exhibit 99.4 | Letter from Staples, Inc. to Essendant Inc. dated April 29, 2018 (previously filed).   |

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**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of each of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 21, 2018

**EMU INVESTMENTS LLC**

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Chief Executive Officer

**STAPLES, INC.**

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Director

**ARCH INVESTORS L.P.**

By: SP GP (Cayman) Ltd.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Director

**SP GP (CAYMAN) LTD.**

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Director

**SYCAMORE PARTNERS II, L.P.**

By: Sycamore Partners II GP, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: Sycamore Partners II GP, Ltd.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Director

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**SYCAMORE PARTNERS II GP, L.P.**

By: Sycamore Partners II GP, Ltd.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Director

**SYCAMORE PARTNERS II GP, LTD.**

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Stefan L. Kaluzny  
Director

/s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny  
**STEFAN L. KALUZYNY**

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
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99.2	Trading data (filed herewith).
99.3	Letter from Staples, Inc. to Essendant Inc. dated April 17, 2018 (previously filed).
99.4	Letter from Staples, Inc. to Essendant Inc. dated April 29, 2018 (previously filed).

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## Section 2: EX-99.2 (EX-99.2)

Exhibit 99.2

### TRADING DATA

#### EMU Investments LLC

<u>Shares of Common Stock Purchased</u>	<u>Price Per Share (\$)<sup>(15)</sup></u>	<u>Date of Purchase</u>
130,132	\$ 7.54 (2)	May 1, 2018
361,925	\$ 8.70 (3)	May 2, 2018
24,242	\$ 9.00 (4)	May 2, 2018
236,500	\$ 9.01 (5)	May 3, 2018
135,000	\$ 9.48 (6)	May 4, 2018
559,378	\$ 9.77 (7)	May 7, 2018
212,052	\$ 9.77 (8)	May 8, 2018
241,203	\$ 9.59 (9)	May 9, 2018
157,862	\$ 9.93 (10)	May 10, 2018
946,056(1)	\$ 7.59	May 11, 2018
75,000	\$ 10.02 (11)	May 11, 2018
171,668	\$ 10.35 (12)	May 14, 2018
394,539	\$ 10.69 (13)	May 15, 2018
85,000	\$ 11.34 (14)	May 16, 2018
473,074	\$ 12.51 (16)	May 17, 2018

#### Staples, Inc.

None.

#### Arch Investors L.P.

None.

#### SP GP (Cayman) Ltd.

None.

#### Sycamore Partners II, L.P.

None.

#### Sycamore Partners II GP, L.P.

None.

#### Sycamore Partners II GP, Ltd.

None.

**Stefan L. Kaluzny**

None.

- (1) Represents a privately negotiated block trade with a single counterparty. Beneficial ownership of such shares was acquired by certain of the Reporting Persons on April 26, 2018, April 27, 2018 and April 30, 2018.
- (2) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.37 to \$7.68, inclusive. The reporting persons undertake to provide to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff"), upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) and (14).
- (3) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.99 to \$8.99, inclusive.
- (4) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.995 to \$9.01, inclusive.

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- (5) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.70 to \$9.20, inclusive.
  - (6) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.06 to \$9.75, inclusive.
  - (7) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.41 to \$10.00, inclusive.
  - (8) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.55 to \$9.96, inclusive.
  - (9) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.25 to \$10.00, inclusive.
  - (10) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.45 to \$10.00, inclusive.
  - (11) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.96 to \$10.11, inclusive.
  - (12) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.02 to \$10.46, inclusive.
  - (13) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.24 to \$10.97, inclusive.
  - (14) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.97 to \$11.50, inclusive.
  - (15) Inclusive of brokerage commission.
  - (16) The purchase price is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.99 to \$12.97, inclusive.

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