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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. 2)**

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**Essendant Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

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

**296689102**  
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**June 1, 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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parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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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	

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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
	8	Shared Voting Power
		4,203,631
	9	Sole Dispositive Power
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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  0
	8	Shared Voting Power  4,203,631
	9	Sole Dispositive Power  0
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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
	8	Shared Voting Power  4,203,631
	9	Sole Dispositive Power  0
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CUSIP No. 296689102

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"/>
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization  Cayman Islands
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  PN

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CUSIP No. 296689102

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
		0
	8	Shared Voting Power
		4,203,631
	9	Sole Dispositive Power
		0
	10	Shared Dispositive Power
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	4,203,631	
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1	Name of Reporting Person  Sycamore Partners II GP, 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  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
	8 Shared Voting Power  0
	9 Sole Dispositive Power  4,203,631
	10 Shared Dispositive Power  0
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"/>
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14	Type of Reporting Person  IN

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This statement constitutes Amendment No. 2 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”), as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 21, 2018 (together with the Initial Schedule 13D, the “Schedule 13D”).

#### **Item 4. Purpose of Transaction**

Item 4 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs before the last paragraph in Item 4:

“On June 1, 2018, Sycamore filed a Notification and Report Form pursuant to 16 C.F.R. §801.30 (the “Hart-Scott-Rodino Form”) in connection with the possible transaction proposed in the April 29 Letter and delivered a letter on June 1, 2018 to the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer to notify the Issuer of the filing of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Form.”

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

Item 7 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

- 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 (previously filed).
- 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: June 4, 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

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

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, LTD.**

By: /s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny

Stefan L. Kaluzny

Director

/s/ Stefan L. Kaluzny

**STEFAN L. KALUZNY**

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