PAINTER JONATHAN W

Form 4

March 11, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PAINTER JONATHAN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

(7:m)

KADANT INC [KAI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director

10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

KADANT INC., ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/09/2011

below) PRESIDENT AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							3	I	By Son
Common Stock	03/10/2011		M	14,500	A	(3)	54,024	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2011		F	5,005	D	\$ 24.55	49,019	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/09/2011		A	26,400	<u>(1)</u>	03/09/2014	Common Stock	26,400 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.9	03/09/2011		A	38,013	(2)	03/09/2021	Common Stock	38,013 (2)
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2011		M	14,500	(3)	03/10/2013	Common Stock	14,500 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
topotong o mast value, radices	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PAINTER JONATHAN W KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTEORD, MA 01886	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO				

Signatures

by Sandra L. Lambert for Jonathan W.
Painter

03/11/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. The RSU vests in three equal annual installations beginning on March 10, 2012, provided that the issuer meets certain performance requirements for fiscal 2011 and the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date. The maximum number of shares the reporting person may receive is 150% of the RSU amount.
- (2) This stock option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on March 9, 2012, provided the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date.

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(3) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/3/2010. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2011 and was converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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