PAINTER JONATHAN W

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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		KADA	KADANT INC [KAI]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) KADANT I TECHNOL	· · ·	(Month/ 03/07/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2012				_X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) PRESIDENT AND CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WESTFOR					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Code	(A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock							3	I	By Son	
Common Stock	03/10/2012		M	14,500	A	<u>(3)</u>	65,796	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2012		F	5,071	D	\$ 22.8	60,725	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2012		M	13,200	A	<u>(4)</u>	73,925	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2012		F	5,505	D	\$ 22.8	68,420	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	Acquired sposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/07/2012		A	30,871		<u>(1)</u>	03/07/2015	Common Stock	30,8
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.91	03/07/2012		A	38,515		(2)	03/07/2022	Common Stock	38,
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2012		M		14,500	(3)	03/10/2013	Common Stock	14,
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2012		M		13,200	<u>(4)</u>	03/10/2014	Common Stock	13,7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PAINTER JONATHAN W KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO				
Signatures							
by Sandra L. Lambert for Jonathan W. Painter		03/16/2012					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

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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, 2013, provided that the issuer meets certain performance requirements for fiscal 2012 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 7, 2013, provided the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date.
- (3) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/3/2010. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2012 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (4) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/9/2011. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2012 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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