KADANT INC Form 4 March 14, 2017

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

KADANT INC [KAI]

(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2017

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) PRESIDENT AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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WESTFORD, MA 01886

KADANT INC., ONE

(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Cransaction(A) or Disposed Code (D)		d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M	8,604	A	<u>(1)</u>	70,556	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		F	4,049	D	\$ 57.8	66,507	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M	2,141	A	<u>(2)</u>	68,648	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		F	1,008	D	\$ 57.8	67,640	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M	7,343	A	<u>(3)</u>	74,983	D	

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Common Stock	03/10/2017	F	3,455	D	\$ 57.8	71,528	D
Common Stock	03/10/2017	M	1,873	A	<u>(4)</u>	73,401	D
Common Stock	03/10/2017	F	882	D	\$ 57.8	72,519	D
Common Stock	03/10/2017	M	9,281	A	<u>(5)</u>	81,800	D
Common Stock	03/10/2017	F	4,367	D	\$ 57.8	77,433	D
Common Stock	03/10/2017	M	2,378	A	<u>(6)</u>	79,811	D
Common Stock	03/10/2017	F	1,119	D	\$ 57.8	78,692	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	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	03/10/2017		M	8,604	<u>(1)</u>	03/10/2017	Common Stock	8,604
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2017		M	2,141	(2)	03/10/2017	Common Stock	2,141
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2017		M	7,343	(3)	03/10/2018	Common Stock	7,343
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2017		M	1,873	<u>(4)</u>	03/10/2018	Common Stock	1,873
	\$ 0	03/10/2017		M	9,281	<u>(5)</u>	03/31/2019		9,281

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Restricted Stock Unit							Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2017	M	2,378	<u>(6)</u>	03/31/2019	Common Stock	2,378

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PAINTER JONATHAN W								
KADANT INC.	X		PRESIDENT					
ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE	Λ		AND CEO					
WESTFORD, MA 01886								

Signatures

by Melodie T. Morin for Jonathan W. Painter

03/14/2017

**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).
- (1) The shares represent the partial settlement under a performance-based RSU award granted March 5, 2014. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2017 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (2) The shares represent the partial settlement under a time-based RSU award granted March 5, 2014. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2017 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (3) The shares represent the partial settlement under a performance-based RSU award granted March 9, 2015. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2017 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 time-based RSU award granted March 9, 2015. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2017 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (5) The shares represent the partial settlement under a performance-based RSU award granted March 8, 2016. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2017 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (6) The shares represent the partial settlement under a time-based RSU award granted March 8, 2016. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2017 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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