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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Powell Jeffrey L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

KADANT INC., ONE
 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE

(Street)

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KADANT INC [KAI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/10/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Co-COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/10/2018		M		2,373	A	①
Common Stock	03/10/2018		F		1,055	D	\$ 104.35
Common Stock	03/10/2018		M		605	A	②
Common Stock	03/10/2018		F		269	D	\$ 104.35
Common Stock	03/10/2018		M		2,803	A	③

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Common Stock	03/10/2018	F	1,118	D	\$ 104.35	3,339	D
Common Stock	03/10/2018	M	718	A	(4)	4,057	D
Common Stock	03/10/2018	F	320	D	\$ 104.35	3,737	D
Common Stock	03/10/2018	M	3,150	A	(5)	6,887	D
Common Stock	03/10/2018	F	928	D	\$ 104.35	5,959	D
Common Stock	03/10/2018	M	525	A	(6)	6,484	D
Common Stock	03/10/2018	F	234	D	\$ 104.35	6,250	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2018		M	2,373	(1) 03/10/2018	Common Stock	2,373
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2018		M	605	(2) 03/10/2018	Common Stock	605
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2018		M	2,803	(3) 03/31/2019	Common Stock	2,803
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2018		M	718	(4)(7) 03/31/2019	Common Stock	718
	\$ 0	03/10/2018		M	3,150	(5) 03/31/2020		3,150

Restricted Stock Unit								Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2018	M	525	(6)	03/31/2020		Common Stock	525

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Powell Jeffrey L KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886			EVP & Co-COO	

Signatures

/s/ Sandra L. Lambert, by power of attorney
Date: 03/13/2018

**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 9, 2015. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2018 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 9, 2015. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2018 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 8, 2016. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2018 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 8, 2016. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2018 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, 2017. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2018 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, 2017. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2018 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (7) 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.

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