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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement KADANT INC [KAI] Powell Jeffrey L (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) KADANT INC., ONE (Check all applicable) TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Senior Vice President Person WESTFORD, MAÂ 01886 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 0 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(,
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/31/2011	Common Stock	6,500 (1)	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	01/01/2011	Common Stock	3,570 (2)	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Powell Jeffrey L KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Sandra L. Lambert for Jeffrey L.

Powell

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 RSUs vest on 12/31/2011, (1) provided that the Issuer meets certain performance requirements and the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the
- vesting date. The maximum number of shares the reporting person may receive is 150% of the RSU amount.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock. The RSUs vest on 1/1/2011, provided that the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the vesting date.

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