OBRIEN THOMAS M

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **OBRIEN THOMAS M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

KADANT INC [KAI]

(Check all applicable)

ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK **DRIVE**

(First)

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

03/03/2010

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

30,836 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)

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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 orDerivative 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	03/03/2010		A	9,600	<u>(1)</u>	03/10/2013	Common Stock	9,600 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.17	03/03/2010		A	22,400	(2)	03/03/2020	Common Stock	22,400 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OBRIEN THOMAS M ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886

CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

by Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas M. O'Brien

03/05/2010

**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, 2011, provided that the issuer meets certain performance requirements for fiscal 2010 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 3, 2011, provided the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date.

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