KADANT INC Form 4 March 11, 2014

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **OBRIEN THOMAS M** Issuer Symbol KADANT INC [KAI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title) _ Other (specify KADANT INC., ONE 03/10/2014 below) TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WESTFORD, MA 01886

| (City) | (State) (| (Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2014 | | M | 4,799 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 20,906 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2014 | | F | 1,563 | D | \$ 40.07 | 19,343 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2014 | | M | 4,834 | A | <u>(2)</u> | 24,177 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2014 | | F | 1,574 | D | \$ 40.07 | 22,603 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2014 | | M | 4,497 | A | <u>(3)</u> | 27,100 | D | | | |

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Common 1,464 D \$ 25,636 03/10/2014 D Stock

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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. Transacti 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/10/2014 | | M | 4,799 | <u>(1)</u> | 03/10/2014 | Common Stock | 4,799 (1) |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/10/2014 | | M | 4,834 | (2) | 03/10/2015 | Common Stock | 4,834 (2) |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/10/2014 | | M | 4,497 | <u>(3)</u> | 03/10/2016 | Common Stock | 4,497 |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OBRIEN THOMAS M KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886

CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

by Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas M. 03/11/2014 O'Brien

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 RSU award granted 3/9/2011. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2014 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 RSU award granted 3/7/2012. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2014 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 RSU award granted 3/6/2013. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2014 and was converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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