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**FORM 4**

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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)                                                                                   | 2,373                                                    | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2018                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 1,055 D \$ 104.35                                                                             | 1,318                                                    | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2018                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 605 A (2)                                                                                     | 1,923                                                    | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2018                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 269 D \$ 104.35                                                                               | 1,654                                                    | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2018                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 2,803 A (3)                                                                                   | 4,457                                                    | D                                                     |

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

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                     | Relationships |           |              |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer      | Other |
| Powell Jeffrey L<br>KADANT INC.<br>ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE<br>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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