

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PAINTER JONATHAN W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>KADANT INC.</u> <u>ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>WESTFORD MA 01886</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KADANT INC [KAI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Exec. Chairman of the Board</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/16/2019</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	12/16/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		5,944	A	\$25.98	99,261	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		5,944	D	\$105.2797 ⁽²⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		2,557	A	\$25.98	95,874	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		2,557	D	\$106.0639 ⁽³⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		700	A	\$25.98	94,017	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$107.5843 ⁽⁴⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		1,900	A	\$25.98	95,217	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		1,900	D	\$103.617 ⁽⁵⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		2,500	A	\$25.98	95,817	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		2,500	D	\$104.2754 ⁽⁶⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		1,193	A	\$25.98	94,510	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		1,193	D	\$105.1083 ⁽⁷⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		1,800	A	\$25.98	95,117	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		1,800	D	\$104.4797 ⁽⁸⁾	93,317	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2019		M ⁽¹⁾		3,406	A	\$25.98	96,723	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		3,406	D	\$105.3803 ⁽⁹⁾	93,317	D	
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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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/16/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			5,944	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	5,944	\$0	14,056	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/16/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			2,557	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	2,557	\$0	11,499	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/16/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			700	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	700	\$0	10,799	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/17/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			1,900	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	1,900	\$0	8,899	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/17/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			2,500	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	2,500	\$0	6,399	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/17/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			1,193	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	1,193	\$0	5,206	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/18/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			1,800	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	1,800	\$0	3,406	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.98	12/18/2019		M ⁽¹⁾			3,406	(10)	03/06/2023	Common Stock	3,406	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transactions reported on this Form 4 were executed pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted November 15, 2019.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$104.71 to \$105.71 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$105.72 to \$106.68 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$107.16 to \$107.90 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$102.86 to \$103.85 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$103.89 to \$104.88 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$104.96 to \$105.35 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$103.90 to \$104.88 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- Represents the weighted average sale price. The actual sales prices range from \$104.93 to \$105.68 per share. The reporting person will supply the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, with full information regarding the number of shares at each price upon request.
- This stock option is fully vested.

Remarks:

/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power 12/18/2019
of attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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