FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporti RAINVILLE WILLIA		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KADANT INC</u> [KAI]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specifi									
(Last) (First) (Middle) KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2018									itle below)		Other (sp	ecify below)		
(Street) WESTFORD MA 01886 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
				Table I -	Non-De	rivative S	ecurities A	cquired,	Dispo	sed of,	or Bene	ficially Ow	ned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)							Deemed ecution Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (I 3, 4 and 5)			ed Of (D) (Instr.	D) (Instr. 5. Amount of Secu Beneficially Owne Reported Transac			ership Form: D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.		
					(Monthib	(Mo	onth/Day/Year)	Code	V .	Amount (A) or		(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4	'	4)		
Common Stock						2018		м		1,	350	Α	(1)	77,50	0		D			
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	se (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transac (Instr. 8)	tion Code	5. Number o Securities A Disposed of and 5)	f Derivative cquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4			g 8. Price of Derivative Security (In 5)	9. Num derivat Securit Benefie Owned Follow	tive ties cially	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	e Expir Date	ration	Title		Amount or Number of Sh	ount or nber of Shares		ed ction(s) 4)	,s)			
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	06/01/2018		М			1,350 ⁽¹⁾	(1)	01/31	1/2019 ⁽¹⁾	Com	mon Stock	1,350(1)	\$0	1,	350	D			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents partial vesting of a restricted stock unit award on June 1, 2018 and delivery of shares to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of a restricted stock unit award agreement dated May 16, 2018. The remainder of the shares vest in two equal installments on the last day of each of the issuer's third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2018 provided the recipient continues to serve as a director of the issuer.

<u>/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power of attorney</u> ** Signature of Reporting Person

06/01/2018 Date

Remarks: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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. 76ff(a).
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.
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EXHIBIT 24

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Stacy D. Krause, Michael J. McKenney, Deborah S. Selwood and Amy B. () execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Kadant Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 () do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, (3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any 1 (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the bes The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, c This Power of Attorney replaces any previously provided Power of Attorney by the undersigned effective as of the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of May 2018. /s/ William A. Rainville Signature

William A. Rainville Print Name