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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Powell Jeffrey L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE  (Street) WESTFORD MA 01886  (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) <b>President &amp; CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2021	
	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	03/10/2021		M		2,002	A	(1)	28,986	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		F		888	D	\$175.29	28,098	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		M		419	A	(2)	28,517	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		F		186	D	\$175.29	28,331	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		M		4,030	A	(3)	32,361	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		F		1,788	D	\$175.29	30,573	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		M		1,021	A	(4)	31,594	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		F		453	D	\$175.29	31,141	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		M		5,006	A	(5)	36,147	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		F		2,221	D	\$175.29	33,926	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		M		1,322	A	(6)	35,248	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2021		F		587	D	\$175.29	34,661	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	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
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	03/10/2021		M		2,002		(1)	04/30/2021	Common Stock	2,002	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	03/10/2021		M		419		(2)	04/30/2021	Common Stock	419	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	03/10/2021		M		4,030		(3)	04/30/2022	Common Stock	4,030	\$0	4,030	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	03/10/2021		M		1,021		(4)	04/30/2022	Common Stock	1,021	\$0	1,021	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	03/10/2021		M		5,006		(5)	04/30/2023	Common Stock	5,006	\$0	10,010	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	03/10/2021		M		1,322		(6)	04/30/2023	Common Stock	1,322	\$0	2,642	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The shares represent the partial settlement under a performance-based RSU award granted March 7, 2018. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2021 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- The shares represent the partial settlement under a time-based RSU award granted March 7, 2018. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2021 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- The shares represent the partial settlement under a performance-based RSU award granted March 4, 2019. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2021 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 4, 2019. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2021 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 2, 2020. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2021 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 2, 2020. One-third of the RSU vested and became distributable on March 10, 2021 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power 03/12/2021  
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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