

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 1, 2006

KADANT INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-11406
(Commission File Number)

52-1762325
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Acton Place
Acton, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01720
(Zip Code)

(978) 776-2000
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Appointment of Principal Officers.

The board of directors of Kadant Inc. ("Kadant") appointed Mr. Edward J. Sindoni an executive vice president and chief operating officer, with responsibility for all global operations, effective March 1, 2006. Mr. Sindoni, age 61, previously served as a senior vice president of Kadant from 2001 to 2006, heading Kadant's worldwide accessories and water-management operations. He joined Kadant in 1987 as president of the Kadant Web Systems paper machine accessories business and was first named a vice president of Kadant in 1991.

Mr. Sindoni is a party to a pre-existing executive retention agreement, as described in Kadant's 2005 definitive proxy statement dated April 26, 2005, the form of which is filed as an exhibit to Kadant's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KADANT INC.

Date: March 3, 2006

By: /s/ Thomas M. O'Brien

Thomas M. O'Brien
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

