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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)
 03/10/2013

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)
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2013 | | M | 3,372 | A | 15,337 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2013 | | F | 1,100 | D | \$ 26.58 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2013 | | M | 3,526 | A | 17,763 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2013 | | F | 1,150 | D | \$ 26.58 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2013 | | M | 3,551 | A | 20,164 | D |

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Common Stock 03/10/2013 F 1,158 D \$ 26.58 19,006 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/10/2013 | | M | 3,372 | <u>(1)</u> 03/10/2013 | Common Stock 3,372 <u>(1)</u> |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/10/2013 | | M | 7,052 | <u>(2)</u> 03/10/2014 | Common Stock 3,526 <u>(2)</u> |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/10/2013 | | M | 10,653 | <u>(3)</u> 03/10/2015 | Common Stock 3,551 <u>(3)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Powell Jeffrey L KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886 | | | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

by Sandra L. Lambert for Jeffrey L. Powell 03/12/2013

__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 RSU award granted 3/3/2010. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2013 and was converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (2) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/9/2011. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2013 and was converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (3) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/7/2012. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2013 and was converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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