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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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KADANT INC [KAI]

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KADANT INC., ONE

(Street)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2013

Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title . below)

TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/10/2013		M	3,372	A	<u>(1)</u>	15,337	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2013		F	1,100	D	\$ 26.58	14,237	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2013		M	3,526	A	<u>(2)</u>	17,763	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2013		F	1,150	D	\$ 26.58	16,613	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2013		M	3,551	A	<u>(3)</u>	20,164	D	

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Common Stock 03/10/2013 F 1,158 D \$ 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative Securities) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				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 (1)
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2013		M		7,052	(2)	03/10/2014	Common Stock	3,526 (2)
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2013		M		10,653	(3)	03/10/2015	Common Stock	3,551 (3)

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

Reporting Owners 2

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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