FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | S IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAMBERT SANDRA L | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [KAI] | | | | | | | | | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issu all applicable) Director 10% Owr | | | vner | |
|--|---|--|------------------|--------------|---|---|----------|--|--|-------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) ONE AC | TON PLA | , | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2003 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP, Gen Counsel, Secretary | | | | precity |
| | _ 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) ACTON | M | A | 01720 | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | Persor | ı | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - No | on-Deriv | /ative | Sec | uriti | es Ac | quirec | l, Di | sposed o | of, or Be | nefic | ially | Owned | <u> </u> | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | Exe if an | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | es Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | and 5) Secu Bene Own | | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | М | | 705 | A | \$8 | \$8.52 | | 353 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/ | 2003 | | | | S | | 705 | D | \$17. | 9073 | 3, | 648 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | М | | 1,198 | A | \$8 | \$8.68 | | 846 | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | S | | 1,198 | D | \$17. | \$17.9073 | | 648 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | M | | 717 | A | \$6 | \$6.34 | | 365 | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | S | | 717 | D | \$17.9073 | | 3, | 648 | | D | |
| Common Stock | | 10/27/ | 10/27/2003 | | | | M | | 502 | A | \$8.21 | | 4, | 150 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 10/27/ | 10/27/2003 | | | | S | | 502 | D | \$17.9073 | | 3, | 648 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | M | | 1,549 | A | \$10.09 | | 5, | ,197 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | S | | 1,549 | D | \$17.9073 | | 3, | ,648 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | M | | 329 | A | \$11.82 | | 3, | 3,977 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 10/27/2003 | | | | | S | | 329 | D | \$17.9073 | | 3, | 3,648 | | D | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/28/2003 | | <u> </u> | | M | | 4,921 | A | \$11.82 | | 8, | 8,569 | | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/28/2003 | | | <u> </u> | | S | | 4,921 | D | \$17.7571 | | 3,648 | | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/27/2003 | | | | M | | 79 | A | \$12.18 | | 3,727 | | | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 10/28/2003 | | | | S | | 79 | D | D \$17.7571 | | 1 3,648 | | | D | | |
| | | Т | able II | | | | | | | | posed of | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution if any | (e.g., pt | | ransaction ode (Instr. | | umber vative urities uired r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo | | isable and te | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. De Se (Ir | Price of erivative ecurity estr. 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 Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$8.52 | 10/27/2003 | | | M | | | 705 | 12/05/1 | 997 | 12/05/2004 | Common Stock | 705 | 5 | \$0.00 | 0 | | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$8.68 | 10/27/2003 | | | M | | | 1,198 | 12/12/1 | 997 | 12/12/2004 | Common Stock | 1,19 | 8 | \$0.00 | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of Deri Sec Acq (A) (Disp of (I | osed D) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/) | ate | 7. Title an Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 an | f g Security | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$6.34 | 10/27/2003 | | M | | | 717 | 12/09/1993 | 12/09/2005 | Common Stock | 717 | \$0.00 | 359 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$8.21 | 10/27/2003 | | M | | | 502 | 12/15/1993 | 12/15/2005 | Common Stock | 502 | \$0.00 | 252 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$10.09 | 10/27/2003 | | М | | | 1,549 | 12/16/1993 | 12/16/2005 | Common Stock | 1,549 | \$0.00 | 775 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$11.82 | 10/27/2003 | | М | | | 329 | 12/14/1993 | 12/14/2005 | Common Stock | 329 | \$0.00 | 6,671 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$11.82 | 10/28/2003 | | М | | | 4,921 | 12/14/1993 | 12/14/2005 | Common Stock | 4,921 | \$0.00 | 1,750 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy) | \$12.18 | 10/28/2003 | | М | | | 79 | 12/21/1993 | 12/21/2005 | Common Stock | 79 | \$0.00 | 577 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

THE TRANSACTIONS REPORTED ON THIS FORM 4 WERE EXECUTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING ARRANGEMENT DATED AUGUST 28, 2003.

<u>Sandra L. Lambert</u> <u>10/29/2003</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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