FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] ALBERTINE JOHN M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [KAI]										elationship eck all appli X Directo	. ,		rson(s) to I 10% O		
(Last)		rst) (Middle)			 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2017 											Officer (give title below)		Other (below)	specify		
KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) WESTFORD MA 01886																X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			·				ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									4	Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	d tion(s)	n(s)		(
Common Stock 04/01/2					2017	017				М		750			(1)	17	17,140		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. Transactio Code (Instr 8)		on Number E		Exp	b. 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. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	s Ily J	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
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Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	04/01/2017			М			750 ⁽¹⁾		(1)	01/:	31/2018 ⁽¹⁾	Commo Stock	n 7	750 ⁽¹⁾	\$0	2,250	,	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents partial vesting of restricted stock unit award on April 1, 2017 and delivery of shares to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of a restricted stock unit award agreement dated March 8, 2017. **Remarks:**

> by Melodie T. Morin for John 04/04/2017 M. Albertine

** 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).

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