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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>LEONARD THOMAS C</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>KADANT INC.</b> <b>ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE</b>  (Street) <b>WESTFORD MA 01886</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>KADANT INC [ KAI ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>06/01/2018</b>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	06/01/2018		M		1,350	A	(1)	23,100	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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0	06/01/2018		M		1,350	(1)	(1)	01/31/2019	(1)	Common Stock	1,350	(1)	\$0	1,350	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents partial vesting of a restricted stock unit award on June 1, 2018 and delivery of shares to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of a restricted stock unit award agreement dated May 16, 2018. The remainder of the shares vest in two equal installments on the last day of each of the issuer's third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2018 provided the recipient continues to serve as a director of the issuer.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power of attorney 06/01/2018

\*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Stacy D. Krause, Michael J. McKenney, Deborah S. Selwood and Amy B. Jodice, signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned's attorneys in fact, to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Kadant Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and to do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments to any such Form 3, 4, or 5, seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators, and to take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being the intent of the undersigned that this Power of Attorney shall be in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with the SEC.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein conferred, and to execute any and all instruments and documents in connection therewith, and to do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Power of Attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of May 2018.

/s/ Thomas C. Leonard  
Signature

Thomas C. Leonard  
Print Name