FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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*  OBRIEN THOMAS M					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [ KAI ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director					
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2008							1	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT					
(Street) WESTFORD MA 01886  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(5		(Zip)										<u> </u>					
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Date				saction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date, if any		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		irities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo Reported	s lly ollowing	Form:	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	v	Amoun	t (A)	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)					
Common Stock									18,927(1)			D						
			Table II - I (	Derivati (e.g., pu										Owned				
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)	Coc	Transaction Code (Instr.		of E		s. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derit Security (Instr. 3 4)		ivative	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	e s ully g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
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Restricted Stock Unit	\$0	03/03/2008		A		13,000		(2)	0	1/01/2011	Common Stock	13,	000(2)	\$0	13,00	0	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Includes 832 shares acquired in an exempt transaction pursuant to the Issuer's ESPP on December 31, 2007.
- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit (?RSU?) represents the right to receive one share of the issuer?s common stock. The RSU vests on 1/1/2011, provided that the issuer meets certain performance requirements and the reporting person remains employed by the issuer through the vesting date. The maximum number of shares the reporting person may receive is 150% of the RSU amount.

## Remarks:

<u>by Sandra L. Lambert for</u> <u>Thomas M. O'Brien</u> <u>03/05/2008</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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