



## Kadant Receives \$10.3 Million in Orders for Stock-Preparation Equipment

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ACTON, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 28, 2005--Kadant Inc. (NYSE:KAI) has received four orders for stock-preparation equipment totaling \$10.3 million from international and North American customers. The systems will be supplied by the company's Kadant Black Clawson Inc. subsidiary.

Two of the orders are for new Chemi-Washer(R) systems that will be used in chemical pulping applications and one is for a rebuild of an existing system. The Chemi-Washer offers a single-machine approach to pulp washing, combining simple operation with superior water economy to achieve high washing efficiencies. The entire process is self-contained to prevent emissions and provide an environmentally friendly pulp-washing solution. The fourth order is for an advanced de-inking system that will be used to remove inks and other contaminants from recycled fiber for the production of tissue.

"With these Chemi-Washer orders, we've now received more than \$11 million in orders for this product so far this year," said William A. Rainville, chairman and chief executive officer of Kadant. "All these orders demonstrate the range of technologies we can offer for specific applications as well as the support we can provide for our global customers, who need to improve quality while lowering operating costs and meeting environmental needs."

Kadant Black Clawson Inc., based in Mason, Ohio, is a leading fiberline process equipment supplier that designs, manufactures, and services equipment used in paper recycling, chemical pulping, and paper machine approach-flow systems.

Kadant Inc. is a leading global supplier of a range of products that improve quality and productivity in pulp and paper production, including stock-preparation equipment, water-management systems, and paper machine accessories. Kadant, based in Acton, Massachusetts, had approximately \$195 million in revenues from continuing operations in 2004 and 950 employees worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.kadant.com](http://www.kadant.com).

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