



Kadant Acquires J&L Fiber Services' Screen Cylinder Business

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WESTFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 3, 2014-- Kadant Inc. (NYSE:KAI) announced that it has completed the acquisition of the screen cylinder product line from J&L Fiber Services, Inc. The acquisition of J&L Fiber Services' screen cylinder product line further extends Kadant's stock-preparation product offerings of screen cylinder products applied to recycled fiber lines, thick stock, broke, and other aggressive applications.

"The addition of J&L Fiber Services' screen cylinders to our Stock-Preparation product line advances our strategic initiative to grow our parts and consumables business," said Jonathan W. Painter, president and chief executive officer of Kadant Inc. "Screen cylinders are the most important consumable for stock preparation systems, and this bolt-on product line acquisition serves to deepen our product offerings and we believe will benefit our customers who require rugged and rebuildable screen cylinders for challenging fiber processing applications.

"The acquired screen cylinder product line has historical annual sales of approximately \$10 million. Once we have integrated this business into our Stock-Preparation product line, we expect it to have adjusted EBITDA margins of approximately 20% in 2015."

About Kadant

Kadant Inc. is a global supplier of high-value, critical components and engineered systems used in process industries worldwide. The Company's products, technologies, and services play an integral role in enhancing process efficiency, optimizing energy utilization, and maximizing productivity in resource-intensive industries. Kadant is based in Westford, Massachusetts, with revenue of \$344 million in 2013 and 1,800 employees in 18 countries worldwide. For more information, visit www.kadant.com.

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