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Kadant Awarded \$7 Million in Orders for Fiber Processing Systems

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WESTFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 29, 2016-- Kadant Inc. (NYSE:KAI) announced it received orders totaling \$7 million from two paper producers in North America for chemical pulping equipment and a recycled fiber processing line. The chemical pulping equipment will be used to recover chemicals in the kraft pulping process and the recycled fiber processing system for the production of linerboard. The orders were booked in the fourth quarter of 2015 and are expected to ship in 2016.

"We are pleased to have been selected to supply the fiber processing system for these significant projects which reinforces our leading position in both chemical pulping equipment and recycled fiber processing systems used in the production of packaging," said Jonathan W. Painter, president and chief executive officer of Kadant.

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 revenues of \$402 million in fiscal 2014 and 1,800 employees in 18 countries worldwide. For more information, visit <u>www.kadant.com</u>.

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