FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person PAINTER JONATHAN W | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [KAI] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | X | Officer (give title | holow) | | ecify below) | |
| (Last) (F KADANT INC. ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK | DRIVE | (Mi | ddle) | | 3. Date of 03/04/20 | Earliest Trans | saction (Monti | n/Day/Year) | | | | _ ^ | PRESIDENT AND CEO | | | | |
| | IA tate) | 01: (Ziş | 386 | | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Individe | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | 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 Da | | recution Date, Code (Instr. 8) 3, 4 and | | curities Acquire and 5) | d (A) or Dispose | · · · · | D) (Instr. 5. Amount of Securiti Beneficially Owned F Reported Transaction | | Ownership Form: irect (D) or Indirect (I) nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. | | | | |
| | | | | | (WOTHINDA) | | th/Day/Year) | Code V | Amo | int | (A) or (D) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (1) | (ilisti. 4) Ownership 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 77,092(1) | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | I | By Son | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3) Conversion Date | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transac (Instr. 8) | tion Code | e 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4 | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | | Amount or Number of Sha | res | Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | n(s) | | |
| Pastricted Stock Unit | \$0.0 | 03/04/2010 | | ١ , | I | 6.806 | 1 | (2) | 04/30/20 | c | mon Stock | 6.806 | en en | 6.806 | n n | 1 | |

Explanation of Responses:

- I. Includes 249 shares acquired in an exempt transaction pursuant to the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on December 31, 2018.
 This RSU vests and becomes distributable on March 10, 2020, provided the reporting person is employed by the Issuer on the vesting date.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power of attorney
** Signature of Reporting Person

03/05/2019

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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EXHIBIT 24

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. (1) 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 (1) 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, seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any 1 (4) 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 bese 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, (7) This Power of Attorney replaces any previously provided Power of Attorney by the undersigned effective as of the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect Signature

/s/ Jonathan W. Painter

Print Name