FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* OBRIEN THOMAS M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol $\underline{KADANT\ INC}\ \big[\ KAI\ \big]$									neck all ap Dire	plicable) ctor	g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2011									X Officer (give title below) Other (spe below) CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDE			
(Street) WESTFORD MA 01886 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Lin	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) 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. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)					Secui Benet Owne	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/01/2						2011		S ⁽¹⁾		2,000		D	\$31.9	99	18,490	D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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/Ye	Date,	Code (Ins				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		9	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Explanation of Responses:

1. THE TRANSACTIONS REPORTED ON THIS FORM 4 WERE EXECUTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b-5-1 TRADING PLAN.

Remarks:

by Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas M. O'Brien 07/06/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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