## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LEONARD THOMAS C</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [ KAI ]											p of Reportin blicable) ctor	ng Persor	n(s) to Is		
	KADANT INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2006										Offic below	er (give title w)		Other (specify below)		
ONE ACTON PLACE, STE 202						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) ACTON	•				-										X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St	ate) (	Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D						h/Day/Year) i		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr. 5		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			4 and Secu Bene		cially I Following	6. Owne Form: D (D) or In (I) (Instr	irect direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Code	v	Amount	() ()	A) or O)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(				
Common Stock 05/25/						5/2006					2,500	)	<b>A</b> (1)		7,500		7,500	Г	)		
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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		Expiratio	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	n: ct (D) ndirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	of Shares									

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Award of restricted stock pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan.

by Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas C. Leonard

06/19/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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