## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | <b>OF CHANGES</b> | IN BENEFICIAL | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LEONARD THOMAS C</u>   |  |            |          |                                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [ KAI ] |   |         |        |  |              |          |   |   | Relationship<br>neck all appl<br>X Direct | icable)   | g Per   | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov |  |   |         |
|--|--|------------|----------|----------------------------------|--|---|---------|--------|--|--------------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|--|---|---------|
| (Last)<br>KADAN  | `  | irst)      | (Middle) |                                  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2019 |         |        |  |              |          |   |   |   |   | Office<br>below   | r (give title<br>)      |  | Other (s<br>below)  | specify |
| ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE  |  |            |          | 4. If                            | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)          |   |         |        |  |              |          |   |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |   |                         |  |   |         |
| (Street) WESTFORD MA 01886   |  |            |          |                                  |  |   |         |        |  |              |          | Lin   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |                         |  |   |         |
| (City)   | (S   | tate)      | (Zip)    |                                  |  |   |         |        |  |              |          |   |   |   |   |   |                         |  |   |         |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |            |          |                                  |  |   |         |        |  |              |          |   |   |   |   |   |                         |  |   |         |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D  |  |            |          |                                  | Execution  |   | on Date | e,   1 | 3.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8)                               | tion Dispos  |          | rities Acquired (A)<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,   |   |   | Benefic   | ies Form<br>ially (D)<br>Following (I) (I   |                         | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                                      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |         |
|  |  |            |          |                                  |  |   |         |        | G  | Code         | v        | Amount (A) or (D)   |   | Price                                     | Transac<br>(Instr. 3                                  | tion(s)   |                         |  | (insti. 4)  |         |
| Common Stock 09/28/  |  |            |          | /2019                            |  |   | M       |        | 465 A  |              | (1)      | 24,844  |   |   | D   |   |                         |  |   |         |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |            |          |                                  |  |   |         |        |  |              |          |   |   |   |   |   |                         |  |   |         |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security (Instr. 3)  1. Title of Derivative Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year)  1. Title of Derivative Security  2. 3. Transaction Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  5. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) |  |            | ate, T   | ransaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>I) |  | of E  |         | Expi   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |              |          | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | у                       | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                             |         |
|  |  |            |          |                                  | Code   | V   | (A)     | (D)    | Date<br>Exerc  | e<br>cisable | Ex<br>Da | piration<br>te  | Title   | or<br>Nu<br>of                            | umber   |   |                         |  |   |         |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit   | \$0.0  | 09/28/2019 |          |                                  | М  |   |         | 465    |  | (1)          | 01.      | /31/2020  | Commo   |   | 465   | \$0   | 464                     |  | D   |         |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents partial vesting of a restricted stock unit award on September 28, 2019 and delivery of shares to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of a restricted stock unit award agreement dated May 16, 2019. The remainder of the shares vest on the last day of the Issuer's fourth quarter of fiscal 2019 provided the recipient continues to serve as a director of the Issuer.

## Remarks:

/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power of attorney 09/30/2019

\*\* 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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