

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3030

September 19, 2017

Via E-mail
Michael J. McKenney
Chief Financial Officer
Kadant Inc.
One Technology Park Drive
Westford, Massachusetts 01886

Re: Kadant Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

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Dear Mr. McKenney:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Martin James

Martin James Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Electronics and Machinery