FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAMBERT SANDRA L | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [KAI] | | | | | | | | | all appli Direct | , | | son(s) to Is: 10% O Other (| vner | | |
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| (Last) KADAN | T INC. | , | (Middle) | | | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 8/15/2016 | | | | | | | | X below) below) VP, GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETAL | | | | | | | |
| ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE | | | | | | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | |
| (Street) WESTFO | ORD M | 'A | 01886 | | | | | | ŭ | | ` | L | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | |
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| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr | | | ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | Benefic | | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | | 08/15/ | 5/2016 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,706 | D | \$50.5 | 9 ⁽¹⁾ | 18 | 18,604 | | D | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 08/15/ | /2016 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 610 | A | \$25. | 98 | 19,214 | | D | | | | | |
| Common Stock 08/3 | | | 08/15/ | 2016 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 610 | D | \$52 | \$52 ⁽¹⁾ 18 | | 8,604 | | 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 Date (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security | | | Execution Date, if any | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n of | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | n Dat | e Amount of | | f s g Security | 8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly Ow For Oir Or (I) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | V (A) (D | | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$25.98 | 08/15/2016 | | | M | | | 610 | (2) | | 03/06/2023 | Common Stock | 610 | | \$0 | 4,118 | | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. The transactions \ reported \ on this \ Form \ 4 \ were \ executed \ pursuant \ to \ a \ Rule \ 10-b-5-1 \ trading \ plan \ adopted \ June \ 17, \ 2016.$
- 2. This stock option vests and becomes exercisable in three annual installments beginning on March 6, 2014, provided the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date.

Remarks:

by Melodie Morin for Sandra 08/17/2016 L. Lambert

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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