

OBRIEN THOMAS M

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OBRIEN THOMAS M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK
DRIVE**

(Street)

WESTFORD, MA 01886

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
KADANT INC [KAI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/07/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/10/2012		M		4,800	A (3) 28,623	D
Common Stock	03/10/2012		F		1,522	D \$ 22.8 27,101	D
Common Stock	03/10/2012		M		4,800	A (4) 31,901	D
Common Stock	03/10/2012		F		1,522	D \$ 22.8 30,379	D

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

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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/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/07/2012		A	11,225	(1) 03/10/2015	Common Stock 11,225 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.91	03/07/2012		A	14,004	(2) 03/07/2012	Common Stock 14,004 (2)
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2012		M	4,800	(3) 03/10/2013	Common Stock 4,800 (3)
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2012		M	4,800	(4) 03/10/2014	Common Stock 4,800 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
OBRIEN THOMAS M ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886	CFO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

by Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas M. O'Brien 03/16/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. The RSU vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2013, provided that the issuer meets certain performance requirements for fiscal 2012 and the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date. The maximum number of shares the reporting person may receive is 150%

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of the RSU amount.

- (2) This stock option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2013, provided the reporting person is employed by the issuer on the vesting date.
- (3) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/3/2010. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2012 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (4) The shares represent the partial settlement under a RSU award granted 3/9/2011. One-third of the RSU vested on 3/10/2012 and was converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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