KADANT INC Form 4 July 05, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

OBRIEN THOMAS M			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [KAI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) KADANT II PLACE, SU	3. Date of (Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2006					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO, TREASURER, EXECUTIVE VP				
ACTON, M.	(Street) ACTON, MA 01720				te Origina	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) P			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	06/30/2006			M	4,050	A	\$ 13.05	16,874 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock	06/30/2006			S	4,050	D	\$ 23	12,824	D		
Common Stock	07/03/2006			M	200	A	\$ 13.05	13,024	D		
Common Stock	07/03/2006			S	200	D	\$ 23.02	12,824	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.05	06/30/2006		M	4,050	12/10/2001	12/10/2008	Common Stock	4,050
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.05	07/03/2006		M	200	12/10/2001	12/10/2008	Common Stock	200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OBRIEN THOMAS M KADANT INC. ONE ACTON PLACE, SUITE 202 ACTON, MA 01720

CFO, TREASURER, EXECUTIVE VP

Signatures

Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas M. O'Brien 07/05/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Includes 1,219, 1,154 and 1,666 shares acquired in exempt transactions under the Registrant's employee stock purchase plan on December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

Remarks:

THE TRANSACTIONS REPORTED ON THIS FORM 4 WERE EXECUTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1 TRADING

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