



KADANT INC.

## Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

### Items 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

Kadant Inc. (“Kadant,” “we,” or the “Company”) submits this Specialized Disclosure Report on Form SD for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017.

We design and manufacture equipment used in process industries, including papermaking, paper recycling, recycling and waste management, and in the harvesting and production of lumber and oriented strand board. We have determined that conflict minerals, as defined in Rule 13p-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are used in certain materials or components necessary to the functionality of certain products manufactured or contracted to be manufactured by the Company. We do not engage in mining of conflict minerals nor do we make purchases of raw ore or refined minerals and we rely on our suppliers to determine the source and origin of the conflict minerals used in our products.

We are unable at this time to determine whether any of the conflict minerals present in the materials or components supplied to us may have originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country in circumstances that support armed groups in the region. Accordingly, we have prepared and filed our 2017 Conflict Minerals Report as an exhibit to this filing.

### Item 1.02 Exhibit

A copy of the Company’s Conflict Minerals Report for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017, is included as an exhibit to this Form SD, and is also available on our website at <http://investor.kadant.com/corporate-governance/highlights>. The content of any website referred to in this report is included for general information only and is not incorporated by reference in this report.

## Section 2 - Exhibits

### Item 2.01 Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report.

Exhibit 1.01 - Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this form.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KADANT INC.

Date: May 25, 2018

By: /s/ Jonathan W. Painter  
Jonathan W. Painter  
Chief Executive Officer