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KADANT INC  
Form 8-K/A  
November 12, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 27, 2004

KADANT INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-11406 (Commission File Number)	52-1762325 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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One Acton Place Acton, Massachusetts (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	01720 (Zip Code)
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(978) 776-2000  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.06 Material Impairments.

Kadant Inc. (the "Company") is filing this amendment to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 28, 2004 (the "Form 8-K"), to amend Item 2.06 of the Form 8-K to provide more current information available.

In the three-month period ending October 2, 2004, the Company continued to experience problems in the composite building products business (the "composites business") that affected its profitability. In addition, the Company experienced a substantial increase in warranty claims that affected its profitability in the three-month period ending October 2, 2004. The claims were associated with a new problem concerning excessive oxidation that affects the integrity of the plastic used in some of its decking products. As a result of the increase in warranty claims and in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," the Company evaluated the long-lived assets of its composites business for impairment. The Company performed an impairment assessment of these long-lived assets as of October 2, 2004, based on the most current information available regarding the estimated fair value of the composites business and concluded that no impairment loss was required at that time.

On October 27, 2004, the Company's board of directors approved a plan and management committed to sell the Company's composites business after making a determination that the business no longer aligns with the Company's long-term strategy. The Company intends to sell the composites business as a going concern and is presently evaluating potential buyers for the composites business, as well as the costs that may be incurred in selling the business. Under the plan approved by the board of directors, the Company plans to sell the composites business within the next year at a price that is reasonable compared to its current fair value.

The composites business, which is included in the Company's Composites and Fiber-based Products segment, had total assets and liabilities of \$11,301,000 and \$6,881,000, respectively, as of October 2, 2004. Included in total assets as of October 2, 2004, was \$6,737,000 of property, plant, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, and \$95,000 of intangibles. Going forward, the Company will continue to assess any potential impairment loss or other costs associated with the sale of the business and record a loss, if any, when required.

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SIGNATURE

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

KADANT INC.

Date: November 12, 2004 By: /s/ Thomas M. O'Brien

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Thomas M. O'Brien  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,  
and Treasurer