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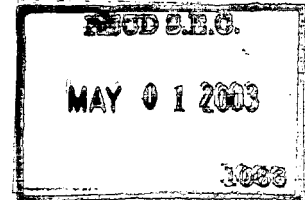
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Kadant Inc., Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share and Associated Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Amendment No. 4 to Form 8-A received on May 1, 2003. Tentative listing date – May 14, 2003.

Sincerely,

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