FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WOOD ROBERT JOHN | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL] | | | | | | | | | eck all app Dire | olicable) ctor | | Owner |
|---|---|--|------------------|--|---|---|---------|--|---------|--|---|----------|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE RD. | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2007 | | | | | | | | 7 | belo | , | | Other (specify below) Polymers | |
| (Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. In Line | lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Nor | ո-Deriv | ative | Se | curitie | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or E | Benef | iciall | y Own | ed | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | Execution Date | | | Transaction Dispos | | Disposed | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | Secur Benef Owner | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A (D |) or) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock 05/11/2 | | | | | /2007 | 2007 | | J | | 51.053 | 39 | A | (1) | 4,9 | 12.9778 | D | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution if any | xecution Date, any C Any C Month/Day/Year) 8 | | 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) Date Expiration Date Exercisable | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Price of erivative ecurity istr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Number of common stock shares acquired with Company contribution to reporting person's account on May 11, 2007 under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company.

Remarks:

Robert John Wood

05/11/2007

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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