FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Stepan Richard Finn					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]							(Ch	eck all applic	ationship of Reporting all applicable) Director Officer (give title		on(s) to Issu 10% Ov Other (s	vner		
(Last) 1101 SKO	(Firs	st) (I EVARD, SUITE	Middle) E 500		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2022								helow)		Mgr.	below)			
(Street) NORTHB (City)	ROOK IL (Sta		0062 Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
1 Title of Se	ecurity (Instr		le I - No	n-Deriv		_	Curitie:		quired,	, Dis	_	or Ben		y Owned	nt of	6. Ov	nership	7. Nature of	
Date			Date			Execution Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		n Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		3, 4 and	5) Securitie Beneficia Owned F	Securities Beneficially Owned Following		: Direct Indirect str. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock		02/15	02/15/2022				М		529	A	(1)	210	210,911		D				
Common Stock		02/16/2022					A		76.787	A	\$111.2	26 1,002	.175 <sup>(2)</sup>		I	By ESOP II Trust			
		Т	able II -						,	•	osed of, convertib		•	Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transactic Code (Ins 8)				6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		e	7. Title an Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 an	f s g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	ve es ially ng d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Performance Shares	(1)	02/15/2022			M			433	(1)		(1)	Common Stock	433	(1)	0		D		
Stock Appreciation Right	\$111.26	02/16/2022			A		7,565		12/31/20	22 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/15/2032	Common Stock	7,565	\$111.26	7,565	5	D		
Performance Shares	(4)	02/16/2022			Α		1,618		(4)		(4)	Common Stock	1,618	\$0	1,618	3	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2021.
- 2. Includes exempt acquisitions under Rule 16a-11 pursuant to dividend reinvestments since the date of the reporting person's last report.
- 3. Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.
- 4. Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company common stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2024.

/s/ Stephanie Jane Pacitti,

attorney-in-fact for Richard F.

<u>Stepan</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

02/17/2022

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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