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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STEPAN F QUINN</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD</u> _____ (Street) <u>NORTHFIELD IL 60093</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEPAN CO [SCL]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chairman</u></p>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/21/2012</u>					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2012		C		20,711.317 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	98,612.265 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock								330,985.556	D	
Common Stock								549,623.08	I	Stepan Venture II Partnership
Common Stock								115,580	I	By self as custodian for children
Common Stock								853,168	I	By spouse as custodian for children
Common Stock								286,126	I	By spouse

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	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)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	12/21/2012		C		9,069.99		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	20,711.317	\$0	0	I	By ESOP II Trust

Explanation of Responses:

1. On November 30, 2012, the common stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in each share of convertible preferred stock being convertible at any time into 2.2835 shares of common stock. The shares of convertible preferred stock had no expiration date. Effective December 21, 2012, the Plan Committee of Stepan Company, on behalf of all ESOP II participants, converted all shares of convertible preferred stock in ESOP II, resulting in the Reporting Person's acquisition of 20,711.317 shares of common stock. Also reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.

Kathleen O. Sherlock, Attorney-in-Fact 12/26/2012

** 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).

** 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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