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### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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# OMB APPROVAL

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> PACHOLEC FRANK			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEPAN CO</u> [ SCL ]		ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director	10% Owner			
(Last) 22 W. FRONTA	(First) GE ROAD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2010	X	Officer (give title below) Vice Preside	Other (specify below) ent R&D			
(Street)     NORTHFIELD     IL     60093     4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)     6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)       (City)     (State)     (Zip)     4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)     6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									

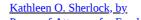
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any '	3. Transa Code ( 8)	ction	4. Securities A Disposed Of ( 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130. 4)

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

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) sed 3, 4		e Amount of ar) Securities		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				
Employee Stock Option	\$51.21	02/09/2010		Α		2,416		02/09/2012	02/08/2018	Common Stock	2,416	\$51.21	2,416	D	
Performance Shares	(1)	02/09/2010		Α		1,172		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,172	\$0	1,172	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2012.



Power of Attorney for Frank 02/11/2010 **Pacholec** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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