FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     STEPAN F QUINN							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director X 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/10/2008									X	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chairman					
(Street) NORTHI	NORTHFIELD IL 60093						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     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. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Of (D Code (Instr. 5)			ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			and Securitie Benefici		ties cially I Following	Forn (D) o	wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
										Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	- 1	Transa	ansaction(s) estr. 3 and 4)			(IIISU. 4)
Common Stock 04/10/2						/2008	2008			J		66.463	3	A	(1)		314,036.637			D	
Common Stock 04/10/2						/2008	2008			G		2,479		D	\$40.35		5 311,557.637			D	
	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. Conversic or Exercis Price of Derivative Security	on [	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		n of		6. Date Exercis. Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4)		str. 3	Deriv	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indirect) (I) (Insti	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Nur of	ount nber ires						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Number of common stock shares acquired with Company contribution to reporting person's account on April 10, 2008, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company.

## Remarks:

F. Quinn Stepan

04/14/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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