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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>STEPAN F QUINN JR</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>STEPAN CO [ SCL ]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>02/21/2023</b>   |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
| <b>1101 SKOKIE BOULEVARD, SUITE 500</b>                              |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)<br><b>NORTHBROOK IL 60062</b>                               |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |

**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                    | 02/21/2023                           |  | S                              |   | 4,909   | D          | \$103.1538                | 59,960  | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2023                           |  | M                              |   | 4,132   | A          | \$61.91                   | 232,296.507   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2023                           |  | S                              |   | 4,132   | D          | \$105.1163 <sup>(2)</sup> | 228,164.507   | 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. 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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$61.91  | 02/22/2023                           |  | M                              |   | 4,132  |     | 02/18/2016   | 02/17/2024      | Common Stock  | 4,132                                      | \$0  | 14,744  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- The price reported is a weighted average price. Shares were sold in a series of transactions within the same trading day at prices ranging from \$105.00 to \$105.32, inclusive. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

/s/ Stephanie J. Pacitti,  
Attorney-in-Fact for F. Quinn 02/23/2023  
Stepan, Jr.

\*\* 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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