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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and A Hendrick	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEPAN CO</u> [SCL]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner										
(Last) 22 W. FRO	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2010									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify						
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip)						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	e I - Noi	n-Deriva	ative	Secu	irities	s Acc	uired,	Dis	posed of	f, or Ber	neficiall	y Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transau Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			3.4. Securities Acquired (A)TransactionDisposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)Code (Instr.5)8)5			d (A) or r. 3, 4 and	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s Form Illy (D) o ollowing (I) (In		n: Direct r Indirect Istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)						
	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)	Derivative Conversion Date Executio Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			n Date, Transact Code (In			tion of		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)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	nber							
Directors Deferred Compensation Plan	\$64.81	01/04/2010			J		289		08/08/19	988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	289	\$64.81	784		D			

Explanation of Responses:

Kathleen O. Sherlock by Power 01/05/2010

of Attorney for Gary E.

Hendrickson

** 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).

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