

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* POTTER ROBERT G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2009			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093								
(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			

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				
Directors Deferred Compensation Plan	\$27.3	04/01/2009		J		23		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	23	\$27.3	2,921 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Stock Awards	\$27.3	04/01/2009		J		18		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	18	\$27.3	2,276 ⁽²⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Prior amounts were all previously reported as one total under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. Amounts are now being reported as two separate amounts to reflect that these securities are beneficially owned by the reporting person in either the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan or as Stock Awards. On April 1, 2009, 23 shares were added to the reporting person's Directors Deferred Compensation Plan account as per the provisions in the Stepan Company Directors Deferred Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2005.

2. Prior amounts were all previously reported as one total under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. Amounts are now being reported as two separate amounts to reflect that these securities are beneficially owned by the reporting person in either the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan or as Stock Awards. On April 1, 2009, 18 shares were added as dividends to the reporting person's account. All shares shall be paid to the reporting person upon termination of service on the Board of Directors and shall be paid only in shares of Stepan Company Common Stock.

Kathleen O. Sherlock, By
Power of Attorney for Robert 04/03/2009
G. Potter

** 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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