
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 02/19/2013

STEPAN COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-4462

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

36-1823834
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Edens and Winnetka Road, Northfield, Illinois 60093
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(847)446-7500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On February 21, 2013, Stepan Company ("Stepan") issued a press release announcing that on February 19, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized Stepan to repurchase up to 1,000,000 shares of Stepan's outstanding common stock. This repurchase authorization replaces the prior authorization approved on February 11, 2009, of which the remaining unutilized repurchase authorization of 170,542 shares is cancelled. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number: 99.1

Description: Press Release of Stepan Company dated February 21, 2013

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STEPAN COMPANY

Date: February 21, 2013

By: /s/ Kathleen Sherlock

Kathleen Sherlock
Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
EX-99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated February 21, 2013

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY CONTACT: JAMES E. HURLBUTT

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STEPAN APPROVES SHARE REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

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NORTHFIELD, Illinois, February 21, 2013 - On February 19, 2013, the Board of Directors of Stepan Company authorized the Company to repurchase up to 1,000,000 shares of its outstanding common stock. This repurchase authorization replaces the 1,000,000 share authorization (split adjusted) approved on February 11, 2009, of which the remaining unutilized repurchase authorization of 170,542 shares is cancelled. The Company will repurchase shares from time to time for cash in open market or private transactions in accordance with applicable securities and stock exchange rules. The timing and amount of the repurchases will be determined by the Company's management based on their evaluation of market conditions and share price.

"The share repurchase authorization demonstrates our confidence in Stepan's growth and commitment to promote long-term shareholder value," said F. Quinn Stepan, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer.

Stepan Company, headquartered in Northfield, Illinois, is a leading producer of specialty and intermediate chemicals used in household, industrial, personal care, agricultural, food and insulation-related products. The common and preferred stocks are traded on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges under the symbol SCL and SCLPR.

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