## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     PACHOLEC FRANK							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]								neck all app Direc	olicable) ctor	ig Pers	Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify	
(Last) 22 W. FR	(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/10/2008									A belov	Officer (give title below)  Vice President		below)	
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Lin	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. Transa Date (Month/D						ır) E	execution f any	A. Deemed kecution Date, any lonth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					Benefi	ties cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Transa	saction(s) tr. 3 and 4)			(			
Common	Stock	04/10/2008 J 66.4636 A <sup>(1)</sup> 12,020.7498 D							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	conversion   Date   Execution Date, r Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   Execution Date, if any   (Month/Day/Year)		Date,		ransaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Number of Shares		unt	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	O Fe Di Oi (I)	0. wnership orm: irrect (D) r Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## **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 (ESO P II) established by Stepan Company.

## Remarks:

Frank Pacholec

04/14/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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