FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	nd Address o EAN THO	f Reporting Person* OMAS F		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]								(Che	elationship eck all appli Directo	,					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2008									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s	specify
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Nor	า-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired, I	Dis	posed c	of, or Be	nefi	ciall	y Owned	l			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin		Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date		and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		ırity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e C s F lly D o (I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option	\$41.51	04/22/2008			A		1,069		04/22/2010	0.	4/21/2016	Common Stock	1,0	69	\$41.51	1,069		D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>Kathleen O. Sherlock, by</u>

<u>Power of Attorn ey for Thomas</u> 04/23/2008
<u>F. Grojean</u>

** 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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