FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Servatius Gregory</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2012								X Officer (give title Officer (specify below) VP of Human Resources						
(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 I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		ted action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 09/14/20									A		22.053(1	.) A	\$97.	58 12,	717.173		D			
Common Stock														4,6	56.144 ⁽²⁾			By ESOP II Trust		
Common Stock													3	309,917		I	Member of the Plan Committee of Stepan Company			
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		3A. Dee Execution if any (Month/I		n Date, Transa Code (6. Date Expirati (Month/	on Da			of es ng re Securit	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5	deriva Securi Benefi Owned Follow Repor	ties cially I ring ted action(s)	10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	r						
Share Units ⁽³⁾	(4)	09/14/2012			A	A 8.356		(5)		(5)	Commor Stock	8.356	5 \$97.58 ⁽⁶⁾ 2,920.		0.612	D				

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reflects acquisition of deferred share units under the Performance Award Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan") pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the Plan.
- 2. Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.
- 3. Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2010 ("MIP"), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows MIP participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to MIP provisions.
- 4. Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- 5. Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- 6. Price reported is the price of Common Stock on the date the dividend equivalents are payable pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP.

09/18/2012

** 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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