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>Boyce Michael Ross</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Persor (Check all applicable)  X Director				vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/29/2017									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  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. Transac Date (Month/Da						ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			Code (I	action Dispose		rities Acquired (A) ded Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		and	5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ies For (D) Following (I) (ed ction(s)		Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	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/Day	Date,	1. Fransaction Code (Instr. 3)				6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		De Se (In	Price of crivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	/ E	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration ate	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Stock Awards	(1)	09/29/2017			A		2		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	2		\$83.66	725		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Each \ Stock \ Award \ represents \ the \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ issuer \ common \ stock.$
- 2. Stock Awards are payable in shares following separation from service.

/s/ Matthew Michael Rice, 10/03/2017 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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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