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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Behrens Scott R.  (Last) (First) (Middle)		Person*	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  STEPAN CO [ SCL ]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2019	_ x	Director Officer (give title below) VP/GM Surf	10% Owner Other (specify below)				
(Street) NORTHFIELD (City)	IL (State)	60093 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line) X	Form filed by One Re Form filed by More the Person	porting Person				
		Table I - Non-De	erivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Bene	eficially	Owned					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/25/2019		M		1,813	A	\$63.11	18,807.119	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2019		M		2,360	A	\$61.91	21,167.119	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2019		M		996	A	\$58.22	22,163.119	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2019		D <sup>(1)</sup>		5,169	D	\$94.3817(2)	17,744.119	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2019		<b>M</b> <sup>(3)</sup>		2,000	A	\$41.16	24,163.119	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2019		D <sup>(4)</sup>		875	D	\$94.14	23,288.119	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2019		F <sup>(5)</sup>		375	D	\$94.14	22,913.119	D		
Common Stock								3,592.195	I	By Esop II Trust	

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		nd 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Appreciation Right	\$63.11	02/25/2019		М			1,813	02/19/2015	02/18/2023	Common Stock	1,813	\$0	0	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$61.91	02/25/2019		M			2,360	02/18/2016	02/17/2024	Common Stock	2,360	\$0	0	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$58.22	02/25/2019		М			996	04/29/2016	04/28/2024	Common Stock	996	\$0	0	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$41.16	02/25/2019		M <sup>(3)</sup>			2,000	02/17/2017	02/16/2025	Common Stock	2,000	\$0	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were settled in cash as per the terms of the award. For reporting purposes, however, the transaction is deemed to be a simultaneous acquisition and disposition of the underlying common stock and is reflected as such in this report.
- 2. The price reported is a weighted average price. Shares were sold in a series of transactions within the same trading day at prices ranging from \$94.27 to \$94.48, inclusive. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.
- 3. The SARs were settled in shares of common stock as per the terms of the award.
- 4. Deemed disposition of underlying common stock to the issuer in an amount equal to the conversion price of the SARs.
- 5. Withholding of shares to satisfy tax liability on exercise of SARs.

/s/ Stephanie J. Pacitti, Attorney-in-fact for Scott R.

**Behrens** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

02/27/2019

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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