FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STEPAN F QUINN		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD		3. Date of Earliest Transa 12/14/2012				action (Month/Day/Year)				X Director X 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Chairman					
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093	4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Chine) X Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than On			ting Perso	n	
(City) (State) (Zip)								_		Person					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		sposed of, or Benefici 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		(Instr. 3 and 4)			(
Common Stock										549,623	.08(1)]	; '	tepan /enture II artnership	
Common Stock										353,389.	556 ⁽²⁾	Ι)		
Common Stock										115,580 ⁽³⁾		I		By self as ustodian or hildren	
Common Stock										77,900.94	48 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	I		By ESOP I Trust	
Common Stock										853,16	853,168 ⁽⁶⁾		a C f	By spouse s ustodian or hildren	
Common Stock									286,12	286,126 ⁽⁷⁾		E	By spouse		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
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	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	(Instr. 4)					
Share Units ⁽⁸⁾ (9) 12/14/2012	A		638.024		(10)		(10)	Common Stock	638.02	4 \$100.84 ⁽¹¹⁾	403,390	.597 ⁽¹²⁾	D		

- 1. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 274,811.54 additional shares of Common Stock.
- 2. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 176,694.778 additional shares of Common Stock.
- 3. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 57,790 additional shares of Common Stock.
- 4. Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.
- 5. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 38,950.474 additional shares of Common Stock.
- 6. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 426,584 additional shares of Common Stock.
- 7. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 143,063 additional shares of Common Stock.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- 10. Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- 11. 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.
- 12. On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 201,695.298 additional Share Units.

Frank Quinn Stepan

12/18/2012

** 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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