## 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*  VENEGONI JOHN V							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]									(Check all ap		plicable) ctor		Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner	
(Last) 22 W. FR	.ast) (First) (Middle) 2 W. FRONTAGE ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2011										X	below)			Other (specify below) Surfactants	
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Indi Line) X	Forn Forn	ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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							ar)   i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			1 and Securi Benefi		ties cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
										Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Pri		Pric	се	Transa	ction(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 05/23/2							2011			J		33.496	5	A		(1)	24,870.6505			D	
Common Stock															1,000			I	By self as custodian for child		
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 Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Date,	Code ( 8)	Transaction Code (Instr. B)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		on Dati		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)  Amou or Numb of Title Share:		f g lnstr. 3	nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	F D O (I	1.0. Dwnership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

John V. Venegoni 05/24/2011 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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).
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<sup>1.</sup> Number of common stock shares acquired with ESOP II Company contribution to reporting person's account on May 23, 2011, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company.