

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hale Jennifer Ansbro</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD (Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEPAN CO [SCL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP, Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2018	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	02/26/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		6,131	A	\$43.85	6,131	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2018		D ⁽²⁾		3,457	D	\$77.77	2,674	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2018		F ⁽³⁾		784	D	\$77.77	1,890	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2018		M		2,044	A	\$43.85	3,934	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2018		S		2,044	D	\$77.254 ⁽⁴⁾	1,890	D	
Common Stock								1,400	I	By Spouse
Common Stock								213.282	I	By ESOP II Trust

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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Stock Appreciation Right	\$43.85	02/26/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		6,131		02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	6,131	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$43.85	02/26/2018		M		2,044		02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	2,044	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") were settled in shares of common stock as per the terms of the award.
- Deemed disposition of underlying common stock to the issuer in an amount equal to the conversion price of the SARs.
- Withholding of shares to satisfy tax liability on exercise of SARs.
- 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 \$77.00 to \$77.50, 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.

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Jennifer A. Hale 02/28/2018

** 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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