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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Stefaniak Debra</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NORTHFIELD IL 60093</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>STEPAN CO [ SCL ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>VP, Business Enablement</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>02/17/2021</u>   |   |
| 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|----------|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price    |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 1,073   | A          | (1)      | 9,236.556   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2021                           |  | A                              |   | 73.968  | A          | \$123.65 | 1,606.355   | 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |   |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$123.73   | 02/17/2021                           |  | A                              |   | 1,233  |     | 12/31/2021 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/16/2031      | Stock Option (Right to Buy)   | \$0  | 1,233  | D   |   |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$123.73   | 02/17/2021                           |  | A                              |   | 3,700  |     | 12/31/2021 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/16/2031      | Common Stock  | \$0  | 3,700  | D   |   |
| Performance Shares                         | (3)  | 02/17/2021                           |  | A                              |   | 970  |     | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | (3)  | 970  | D   |   |
| Performance Shares                         | (4)  | 02/17/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 1,233  |     | (4)  | (4)             | Common Stock  | (1)  | 0  | D   |   |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2020.
- Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company common stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2023.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2020.

/s/ Stephanie J. Pacitti,  
Attorney-in-Fact for Debra      02/19/2021  
Stefaniak

\*\* 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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