FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LAWTON GREGORY E</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]												plicable)		Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) 22 W. FR	(F ONTAGE		Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2006											Offic belov	er (give title w)		Other (below)	(specify	
(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	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trai Date (Monti					action Day/Yea	r) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Co	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				4 and Se Be Ov		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		wnership m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Co	de V		Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	ce	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/31/							006		P			700		A	\$2	9.88	700		D			
Common Stock 07/31/						6			P		300			A	\$29.8		1,000			D		
Common Stock 07/31/)6		P			100		A	\$29.72		1,100			D			
Common Stock 07/31/						06		P			550		A	\$29.71		1,650		D				
		Ta	able II - I (sed of, onvertib					wned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	tive Conversion Date ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, Tra					ction nstr.	of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D	osed)) :r. 3, 4	Expir	e Exer ation D h/Day/	ate		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)		ı	Deri Sec (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	F I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code V (A) (D)							expiration Pate	Titl	or Nu of	nount mber ares	1						

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Kathleen M. Owens, by Power

of Attorney for Gregory E.

Lawton

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

08/01/2006

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

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