

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Servatius Gregory</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. 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 X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP of Human Resources</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/15/2017</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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. 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	12/15/2017		A		52.204	A	\$79.84	19,275.651	D	
Common Stock								9,033.356	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
Share Units ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(4)	12/15/2017		A		18.869		(5)(6)(7)(8)	(5)(6)(7)(8)	Common Stock	18.869	\$79.84	6,714.318	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2015) ("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.
- 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.
- Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2010 ("Plan"), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows Plan participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to Plan provisions.
- Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the Plan, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- Reflects acquisition of Share Units under the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- Reflects acquisition of Share Units under the Plan, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Gregory Servatius 12/19/2017

** 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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