## 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>Hendrickson Gary E</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]								ationship k all appli Directo	,			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/21/2009									Officer below)	(give title		Other (sbelow)	specify
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person						
		Tab	le I - Nor	า-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	es Ac	quired, I	Disp	osed (	of, or Be	enefic	ially	Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			r, Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acqui d Of (D) (In			5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	ies For ially (D) Following (I) (I		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		e	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(30. 7)
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 3)		of		6. Date Exe Expiration I (Month/Day	Date		d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Own Form Direct or In (I) (Ir	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration ate	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares	er					
Stock Option	\$36.1	04/21/2009			A		692		04/21/2011	04	/20/2017	Common Stock	692		\$36.1	692		D	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Kathleen O. Sherlock, By Power of Attorney for Gary E. 04/22/2009

**Hendrickson** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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