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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Catlett Janet Anne | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2020 | | | | | | | | | X | Office below | er (give title v) | 10% Owner tle Other (specify below) P, CHRO | | |
| (Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | . Indivi ine) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date | | | Transaction Disp Code (Instr. 5) | | | | quired (Instr. | | 4 and Sec Ben Owr | | cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (| A) or D) | Price | | | action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock 02/24/2 | | | | | | 2020 | | | | | 79.562 | 2 | A | \$98.37 | | 116.524 | | I | | By Esop II Trust |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversic or Exercis Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deem Executior if any (Month/Da | n Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n of | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | n Dat | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4) | | str. 3 | | vative durity Sir. 5) B O FO R | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Inst | D) ect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nui of | ount nber ares | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Stephanie J. Pacitti,

Attorney-in-Fact for Janet A. 02/26/2020

Catlett

** 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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