FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WEHMER EDWARD J						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2018									Office below	r (give title )		Other (sbelow)	specify
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  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. Transac Date (Month/Da					action	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Tran Code	saction (Instr	4. Securities Acquir Disposed Of (D) (Ins 5)		ired (A	) or 5. Amol 4 and Securit Benefic Owned Reporte Transac		ies Form cially (D) ( Following (I) (I ed ction(s)		n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	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. 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		y Ov Fo Dii or (I)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					
Stock Awards	(1)	01/03/2018			A		35		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	3	5	\$78.97	12,339		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Each \ Stock \ Award \ represents \ the \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ issuer \ common \ stock.$
- 2. Stock Awards are payable in shares following separation from service.

/s/ Matthew Michael Rice, 01/04/2018 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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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