FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Departs Pandall S						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Dearth Randall S.														<u> </u>	Direct	or		10% Ov	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2018										Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify	
(Street)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
NORTHFIELD IL 60093													X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person							
(City)	(S	tate) (	(Zip)			Person														
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	es A	cquired,	Dis	posed	of, or Be	enefi	ciall	y Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution D			Code (I	ction nstr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	ies Form cially (D) Following (I) (I		Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	t (A) or Pr		rice	Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			()	
	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 D if any (Month/Day)	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)				6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date		nd 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		kpiration ate	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	ber						
Stock Units	(1)	10/01/2018			A		4		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	4		\$87.01	1,230		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Each \ phantom \ stock \ unit \ represents \ the \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ issuer \ Common \ Stock.$
- 2. Phantom stock units are payable in shares pursuant to the director's election either following separation from service or after a specified age.

/s/ Matthew Michael Rice, Attorney-in-Fact 10/02/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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