FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* VENEGONI JOHN V						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2011								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP/GM Surfactants							
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(5		(Zip)		<u> </u>				quired, Di										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) Table II - Derivati						ay/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				ed (A) or str. 3, 4 ar Price	y Ov	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 5. Amount of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Own (Instr. 4) Own (Instr. 4)			7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
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)				6. Date Exerc Expiration Day (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security y (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)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Numbe of Shares	r						
Share Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	03/15/2011			A		47.967		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	47.96	7 \$7	0.05 ⁽⁴⁾	12,971.29	2	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- 3. Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the Plan, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- 4. Price reported is the price of Common Stock on the date the dividend equivalents are payable pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the Plan.

03/16/2011 John V. Venegoni

** 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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