## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Wynn H Edward						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner				ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2012								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  VP, Gen'l Counsel & Secretary				
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093					4. li	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				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)										Person					
		Tab	le I - Noi	n-Deriv	vative	Se	curit	ies Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, or Be	neficia	lly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date (Month					ar)   E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (	Transaction Code (Instr.		ities Acquir d Of (D) (Ins		Benefic Owned	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	irect direct I	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										v	Amount	ount (A) or (D)		Transac	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			Instr. 4)
Common Stock 01/					7/2012	2			M <sup>(1)</sup>		500	00 A \$		92 4,54	4,540.8456			
Common Stock				01/2	01/27/2012				S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$85.	92 4,04	0.8456	D		
Common Stock 0				01/2	27/2012				M <sup>(1)</sup>		500	A	\$36.	92 4,54	,540.8456			
Common Stock 01/2				7/2012	2			S <sup>(1)</sup>		500 I		\$87.	92 4,04	4,040.8456				
Common Stock													46	468.208		]	By ESOP II Frust	
		1										, or Ben ble secu		y Owned		,		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemo Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		ransaction ode (Instr.		ı of E		i. Date Exercisa Expiration Date Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	OV Silly Di or (I)	vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$36.92	01/27/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>				1,000	02/10/201	.1 0	2/09/2017	Common Stock	1,000	\$0 700			D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Transaction completed pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.

H. Edward Wynn 01/31/2012

\*\* 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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