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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addres WOOD ROB (Last) 22 W. FRONTAG | ERT JOHN<br>(First) | erson*<br>(Middle)  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol         STEPAN CO       [SCL]         3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)         03/15/2013 |                        | tionship of Reporting<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title<br>below)<br>V.P. & Gene | 10% C<br>Other<br>below) | Owner<br>(specify |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| (Street)<br>NORTHFIELD<br>(City)                 | IL<br>(State)       | 60093<br>(Zip)      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | idual or Joint/Group I<br>Form filed by One<br>Form filed by More<br>Person                          | Reporting Perso          | on                |
|  |                     | Table I - Non-Deriv | ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi   | cially                 | Owned  |                          |                   |

| (A) or Transaction(s)   | 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code ( |   | 4. Securities A<br>Disposed Of (<br>5) |               |       | Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------|---|--|---------------|-------|-----------------|---|---|--|
| Code     V     Amount     (V)     Price     Instruction(4)       (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                 |                          |   | Code   | v | Amount                                 | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)  |   | (1150.4)  |  |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |      | 5. Numl<br>of<br>Derivati<br>Securiti<br>Acquire<br>(A) or<br>Dispose<br>of (D) (I<br>3, 4 and | ive<br>ies<br>ed<br>ed<br>nstr. | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate                | 7. Title and<br>of Securiti<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>(Instr. 3 ar | ies<br>g<br>Security                    | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v    | (A)  | (D)                             | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |  |  |  |
| Share<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup>                       | (2)   | 03/15/2013                                 |   | A                            |      | 72.187   |                                 | (3)  | (3)                | Common<br>Stock   | 72.187                                  | \$64.32 <sup>(4)</sup>                              | 29,091.153   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2010 ("MIP"), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows MIP participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to MIP 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 MIP, 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 MIP.

Robert John Wood

<u>03/19/2013</u> Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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