

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STEPAN F QUINN JR _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD _____ (Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2018					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2018		M		25,758	A	(1)	168,478.634	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2018		A		109.718	A	\$73.07	11,066.432	I	By Esop II Trust
Common Stock								104,423	D(2)	
Common Stock								160,000	I	By Family LLC(3)
Common Stock								48,000	I	By Family Trust(3)
Common Stock								54,978	I	By Family Trust III
Common Stock								40,000	I	By Family Trust IV(3)
Common Stock								945	I	By Spouse

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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$72.99	02/21/2018		A		27,574		12/31/2018(4)	02/20/2028	Common Stock	27,574	\$0	27,574	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$72.99	02/21/2018		A		27,574		12/31/2018(4)	02/20/2028	Common Stock	27,574	\$0	27,574	D	
Performance Shares	(5)	02/21/2018		A		10,960		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	10,960	\$0	10,960	D	
Performance Shares	(1)	02/21/2018		M			14,577	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	14,577	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2017.
- Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2020.

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney- 02/23/2018
in-fact for F. Quinn Stepan, Jr.

** 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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