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## 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 Ferson |               | n*       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                                |         |                       |  |  |
|---|---------------|----------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|--|--|
| <u>STEPAN F Q</u>                       | <u>UIININ</u> |          |   | Х  | Director                       | Х       | 10% Owner             |  |  |
| (Last)                                  | (First)       | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)              | Х  | Officer (give title below)     |         | Other (specify below) |  |  |
| 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD                     |               |          | 01/08/2010  | Chairman   |                                |         |                       |  |  |
| (Street)                                |               |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)      | 6. Indiv<br>Line)  | idual or Joint/Group F         | iling ( | Check Applicable      |  |  |
| NORTHFIELD                              | IL            | 60093    |   | Х  | Form filed by One R            | eport   | ing Person            |  |  |
| (City)                                  | (State)       | (Zip)    |   |  | Form filed by More t<br>Person | than C  | One Reporting         |  |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|---|---|--|
|                                 |  |   | Code        | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/08/2010                                 |   | G           |   | 6,698   | D             | \$0   | 48,774  | Ι   | By family<br>trust  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/08/2010                                 |   | G           |   | 985   | A             | \$0   | 438,846   | I   | By spouse<br>as<br>custodian<br>for<br>children                   |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |             |   |   |               |       | 285,981.183   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |             |   |   |               |       | 143,063   | Ι   | By spouse   |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |             |   |   |               |       | 62,519  | Ι   | By self as<br>custodian<br>for<br>children                        |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |             |   |   |               |       | 187,357   | Ι   | Stepan<br>Venture II<br>Partnership                               |  |

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

|   |   |  |   |                              |   |     |     |  |   | -     |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 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) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 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              |  |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

<u>Frank Quinn Stepan</u>

01/12/2010

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

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

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