## FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Behrens Scott R.</u>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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) 07/25/2019	X Officer (give title other (specify below) below)  VP/GM Surfactants
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)    Code (Instr. 8)   Code (Instr. 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Code V Amount (A) or Price		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)						
Common Stock	07/25/2019		<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000	A	\$43.85	13,824.913	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2019		D <sup>(2)</sup>		890	D	\$98.5	12,934.913	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2019		F <sup>(3)</sup>		492	D	\$98.5	12,442.913	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2019		<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000	A	\$43.85	14,442.913	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2019		<b>D</b> (2)		890	D	\$98.5	13,552.913	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2019		F <sup>(3)</sup>		492	D	\$98.5	13,060.913	D	
Common Stock	07/26/2019		S		2,004	D	\$97.387(4)	11,056.913	D	
Common Stock								3,611.949	I	By Esop II Trust

## 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 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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (I	posed D) tr. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) rities ired (seed		ate Amount of		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 Appreciation Right	\$43.85	07/25/2019		М			2,000	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	2,000	\$0	10,262	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$43.85	07/25/2019		М			2,000	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	2,000	\$0	8,262	D	

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") were settled in shares of common stock as per the terms of the award.
- 2. Deemed disposition of underlying common stock to the issuer in an amount equal to the conversion price of the SARs.
- 3. Withholding of shares to satisfy tax liability on exercise of SARs.
- 4. The price reported is a weighted average price. Shares were sold in a series of transactions within the same trading day at prices ranging from \$97.290 to \$97.790, inclusive. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

Stephanie J. Pacitti,

Attorney-in-fact for Scott R.

07/29/2019

**Behrens** 

\*\* 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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