

STEPAN CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/25/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2016 | | J | | 56,894 | D | 11 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 442,047 | I | Member of Plan Committee of Stepan Company |
| Common Stock | | | | | 133,088.908 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,163 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 103,000 | D | (2) |

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|--------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 10,615.289 ⁽³⁾ | I | By ESOP II Trust |
| Common Stock | 48,000 | I | By Family Trust ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | 55,065 | I | By Family Trust III |
| Common Stock | 40,000 | I | By Family Trust IV ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | 160,000 | I | By Family LLC ⁽⁴⁾ |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STEPAN F QUINN JR 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

F. Quinn Stepan, Jr. 02/26/2016

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
On February 25, 2016, 56,894 shares of Stepan Company Common Stock were transferred from the Stepan Company Pension Plan to the
(1) Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company. The Reporting Person is a member of the Plan Committee of Stepan Company which has oversight responsibility over investments of funds for employee benefit programs.
(2) Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
(3) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.
(4) 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 purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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