WOOD ROBERT JOHN

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WOOD ROBERT JOHN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	STEPAN CO [SCL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2013	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) V.P. & General Manager			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) of (D) 4 and (A) or)) 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)
Common Stock	02/28/2013		Code V M	Amount 3,347 (1)	(D)	Price (1)	17,551	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2013		F	1,124 (1)	D	<u>(1)</u>	16,427	D	
Common Stock							11,226.413 (2)	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock							900	I	By Mother

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)		3 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Performance Shares	<u>(3)</u>	02/28/2013		M	3,984	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	3,984	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WOOD ROBERT JOHN 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

V.P. & General Manager

Signatures

Kathleen O. Sherlock, Attorney-in-fact

03/04/2013

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Amount reported reflects vesting of 3,347 performance shares on Table II due to achievement of certain financial targets by December (1) 31, 2012. In addition, 1,124 shares were disposed of for taxes as allowed under the plan. Amounts also reflect the 2-for-1 stock split of Stepan Company Common Stock on November 30, 2012.
- (2) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.
- (3) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2012. Also reflects the 2-for-1 stock split of Stepan Company Common Stock on November 30, 2012.

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