

STEPAN F QUINN JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STEPAN F QUINN JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STEPAN CO [SCL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
22 W. FRONTAGE RD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2012

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

(Street)  
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or Price				
Common Stock	12/14/2012		A		160.417 (1)	A	\$ 113,427.722 (2)	D	
Common Stock							8,427.442 (4)	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock							101,596 (5)	D	(6)
Common Stock							48,000 (7)	I	By Family Trust (8)
Common Stock							15,000 (9)	I	By Family Trust II

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Common Stock	34,928 <sup>(10)</sup>	I	By Family Trust III
Common Stock	38,304 <sup>(11)</sup>	I	By Family Trust IV <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock	158,024 <sup>(12)</sup>	I	By Family LLC <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock	619,834 <sup>(13)</sup>	I	Member of the Plan Committee of Stepan Company

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. D	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Share Units <sup>(14)</sup>	<sup>(15)</sup>	12/14/2012		A	141.955	<sup>(16)</sup>	<sup>(16)</sup>	Common Stock	141.955

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

F. Quinn Stepan, Jr. 12/18/2012

           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).
- (1) Reflects acquisition of deferred share units under the Performance Award Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan") pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the Plan.
- (2) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 56,713.861 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (3) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.
- (4) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 4,213.721 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (5) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 50,798 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (6) Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- (7) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 24,000 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (8) 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.
- (9) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 7,500 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (10) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 17,464 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (11) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 19,152 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (12) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 79,012 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (13) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 309,917 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (14) Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2010 ("MIP"), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows MIP participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to MIP provisions.
- (15) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- (16) Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- (17) Price reported is the price of Common Stock on the date the dividend equivalents are payable pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP.
- (18) On November 30, 2012, the Common Stock of Stepan Company split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 44,875.404 additional Share Units.

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