

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) March 11, 2004**

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**STEPAN COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-4462**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-1823834**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Edens and Winnetka Road,**

**60093**

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**Northfield, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 446-7500

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**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure**

On March 11, 2004, Stepan Company ( Stepan ) issued a press release providing certain information with respect to its completion of amendments to its U.S. loan agreements effective December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated March 11, 2004

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STEPAN COMPANY

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Owens

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Kathleen M. Owens

Assistant Secretary

Date: March 16, 2004

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