

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)  
03/15/2012

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)  
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(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)
Common Stock	03/15/2012		A	V Amount 162.809 (1)	(A) or (D) Price \$ 86.15	A	
Common Stock					4,176.129 (2)	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock					55,712	D (3)	
Common Stock					3,749	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					17,179	I	By Children

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Common Stock				37,488	I	By Self as Custodian for Children
Common Stock				1,200	I	By Spouse as Custodian for Children
Common Stock				30,257	I	By Family LLC <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock				24,000	I	By Family Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock				7,500	I	By Family Trust II
Common Stock				17,464	I	By Family Trust III
Common Stock				309,917	I	Member of 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>(5)</sup>	<sup>(6)</sup>	03/15/2012		A	144.071	<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	144.071

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

STEPAN F QUINN JR  
22 W. FRONTAGE RD.  
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

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President & CEO

## Signatures

Kathleen O Sherlock,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/16/2012

  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) The amount reported for ESOP II in column five also includes 13.616 shares of common stock acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of ESOP II.
- (3) Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- (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 purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- (7) Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- (8) 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.

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