

Moriarty Sean Thomas
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Moriarty Sean Thomas (Last) (First) (Middle) 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD (Street) NORTHFIELD (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP & GM Polymers	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,618.027	D	^
Common Stock	3,492.809	I	By ESOP II Trust

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/19/2015	02/18/2023	Common Stock	518	\$ 63.11	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/18/2016	02/17/2024	Common Stock	629	\$ 61.91	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/29/2016	04/28/2024	Common Stock	1,332	\$ 58.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	1,533	\$ 43.85	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/21/2018	02/20/2027	Common Stock	949	\$ 78.58	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/19/2015	02/18/2023	Common Stock	1,208	\$ 63.11	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/18/2016	02/17/2024	Common Stock	1,888	\$ 61.91	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	04/29/2016	04/28/2024	Common Stock	3,997	\$ 58.22	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	4,598	\$ 43.85	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/21/2018	02/20/2027	Common Stock	2,848	\$ 78.58	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â <u>(1)</u>	Â <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,458	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â <u>(2)</u>	Â <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1,368	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â <u>(3)</u>	Â <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	764	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Moriarty Sean Thomas 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELDÂ	Â	Â	Â VP & GM Polymers	Â

Signatures

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Sean T. Moriarty

09/08/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2017.
- (2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2018.
- (3) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2019.

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