

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
January 24, 2006

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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) January 23, 2006

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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,

Northfield, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60093  
(Zip Code)

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

**Former name or former address, if changed since last report: Not Applicable**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 23, 2006, Stepan Company ( Stepan ) issued a press release reporting that it expects a loss for the quarter ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated January 23, 2006

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: January 24, 2006

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