

STEPAN F QUINN JR
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FORM 4

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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

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

NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/16/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		48,716	A	\$ 24.94
Common Stock	07/16/2012		F ⁽¹⁾		33,057	D	\$ 95.21
Common Stock					4,188.585	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock					55,712	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock					3,749	I	By Spouse

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Common Stock	17,179	I	By Children
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 ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	24,000	I	By Family Trust ⁽³⁾
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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 24.94	07/16/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	48,716	12/22/2004 02/09/2014	Common Stock	48,716

Buy)

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. 07/18/2012

**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) Transaction completed pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- (3) 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.

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