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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mergner Arthur W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2019	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Supply Chain		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	02/20/2019		M	6,744	A	<u>(1)</u>	15,153.661	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2019		A	81.636	A	\$ 92.29	6,429.332	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 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 or Derivative Se Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and	curities or D)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title a Underlyi (Instr. 3
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 92.29	02/20/2019		A	3,375	` ,	12/31/2019(2)	02/19/2029	Comm Stocl
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 92.29	02/20/2019		A	10,124		12/31/2019(2)	02/19/2029	Comm Stocl
Performance Shares	<u>(3)</u>	02/20/2019		A	2,601		(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Comm Stock
Performance Shares	<u>(4)</u>	02/20/2019		M		3,649	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Comm
Share Units	<u>(5)</u>	02/20/2019		A	2,263.195		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Comm

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·F···	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Mergner Arthur W							
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD			VP, Supply Chain				
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093							

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie J. Pacitti, attorney-in-fact for Arthur W.
Mergner

02/22/2019

**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) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2018.
- (2) Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.
- (3) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2021.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2018.

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- (5) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
 - Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2015) ("MIP"), a
- (6) 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.

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