

VENEGONI JOHN V  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VENEGONI JOHN V

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD  
(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)  
02/28/2012

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)  
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/28/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000 A \$ 51.21	16,592.572	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000 D \$ 87.43	14,592.572	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,845 D \$ 91.43	12,747.572	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,304 A \$ 51.21	14,051.572	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,004 D \$ 89.55	13,047.572	D	

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Common Stock	02/29/2012	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 90.86 (3)	12,847.572	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 91.61	12,747.572	D	
Common Stock						4,169.664	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock						1,000	I	By self as custodian for child

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.21	02/28/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	02/09/2012	02/08/2018	Common Stock	2,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.21	02/29/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,304	02/09/2012	02/08/2018	Common Stock	1,304

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

John V. Venegoni 03/01/2012

\_\_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.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$89.43 to \$90.02. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$90.52 to \$91.20. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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