

HURLBUTT JAMES E
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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 *
HURLBUTT JAMES E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
V.P. & Chief Financial Officer

(Street)
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	02/21/2013		J	43,534 D 11	576,300	I	Member of Plan Committee of Stepan Company
Common Stock					312,302 (2)	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock					8,377.176	D	

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HURLBUTT JAMES E 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093			V.P. & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

James E. Hurlbutt 02/25/2013

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) On February 21, 2013, 43,534 shares of Stepan Company Common Stock were transferred from the Stepan Company Pension Plan to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company. The Reporting Person is a member of the Plan Committee of Stepan Company which has oversight responsibility over investments of funds for employee benefit programs.
- (2) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.

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