

HURLBUTT JAMES E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**08/23/2012**

\_\_\_\_ 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  
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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	08/23/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		900	A	\$ 36.92	5,088.588	D
Common Stock	08/23/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	\$ 96	4,988.588	D
Common Stock	08/23/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		700	D	\$ 96.05	4,288.588	D
Common Stock	08/23/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	\$ 96.055	4,188.588	D
Common Stock	08/24/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,729	A	\$ 36.92	6,917.588	D

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Common Stock	08/24/2012	S <sup>(1)</sup>	29	D	\$ 96	6,888.588	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,700	D	\$ 96.02	4,188.588	D	
Common Stock						95.366 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock						309,917	I	Member of 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			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.92	08/23/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		900		02/10/2011	02/09/2017	Common Stock	900
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.92	08/24/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,729		02/10/2011	02/09/2017	Common Stock	2,729

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

V.P. & Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

Kathleen O. Sherlock,  
Attorney-in-fact

08/27/2012

\_\_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) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.

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