

HURLBUTT JAMES E
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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 *
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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2011

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

NORTHFIELD, IL 60093
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	02/14/2011		M		2,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	(1) 7,362.4563
Common Stock	02/14/2011		A		2,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	(1) 9,862.4563
Common Stock	02/14/2011		F		1,614 ⁽¹⁾	D	(1) 8,248.4563
Common Stock	02/15/2011		J		9.5691	A	(3) 8,258.0254
Common Stock	02/15/2011		J		22.9157	A	(4) 8,280.9411

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Common Stock	370,190	I	Member of Plan Committee of Stepan Company
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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(2)	02/14/2011		M	2,500	(2) (2)	Common Stock	2,500

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 02/16/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Amount reported reflects vesting of 2,500 performance shares on Table II. Upon vesting, total shares delivered to reporting person also
- (1) includes an additional 2,500 shares due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2010. Also, 1,614 shares were disposed of for taxes as allowed under the plan.
 - (2) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2010.
 - (3) Number of common stock shares acquired with dividend purchase to reporting person's account on February 15, 2011, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) established by Stepan Company.
 - (4) Number of common stock shares acquired with dividend purchase to reporting person's account on February 15, 2011, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company.

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