WOOD ROBERT JOHN

Form 4

September 10, 2012

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WOOD ROBERT JOHN			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(====== an applicable)		
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD		D	(Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2012	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) V.P. & General Manager		
(Street) NORTHFIELD, IL 60093			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securitie Transaction(A) or Disp Code (Instr. 3, 4 a) (Instr. 8)			d 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	09/06/2012		M(1)	Amount 97	(D)	\$ 32.17	7,199	D	
Common Stock	09/06/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	97	D	\$ 98.99	7,102	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	1,653	A	\$ 32.17	8,755	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2012		S(1)	1,653	D	\$ 98.99	7,102	D	
Common Stock							4,805.24 (2)	I	By ESOP II Trust

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Common Stock 450 I By Mother

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf 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)	\$ 32.17	09/06/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	97	02/12/2010	02/11/2016	Common Stock	97
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.17	09/07/2012		M(1)	1,653	02/12/2010	02/11/2016	Common Stock	1,653

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WOOD ROBERT JOHN 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

V.P. & General Manager

Signatures

Robert John Wood 09/10/2012

Date

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**Signature of 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) 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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