

WOOD ROBERT JOHN
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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 *
WOOD ROBERT JOHN

(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)
 02/16/2010

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)
 V.P. & General Manager

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	02/16/2010		M		2,000	A	\$ 21.75
Common Stock	02/17/2010		M		3,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/17/2010		A		3,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/17/2010		F		2,151 ⁽¹⁾	D	⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/18/2010		J		17,8286	A	⁽²⁾

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Common Stock	02/18/2010	J	53.0745	A	<u>(3)</u>	14,252.1955	D	
Common Stock						600	I	Mother

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option	\$ 21.75	02/16/2010		M		2,000	05/09/2002 05/08/2010	Common Stock
Performance Shares	<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2010		M		3,500	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Management Incentive Plan	<u>(5)</u>	02/17/2010		J		283.451	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock

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 02/18/2010

**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).

Amount reported reflects vesting of 3,500 performance shares on Table II. Upon vesting, total shares delivered to Reporting Person also
(1) includes an additional 3,500 shares due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2009. Also, 2,151 shares were disposed of for taxes as allowed under the plan.

(2) Number of common stock shares acquired with dividend purchase to reporting person's account on February 18, 2010, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) established by Stepan Company.

(3) Number of common stock shares acquired with dividend purchase to reporting person's account on February 18, 2010, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company.

(4) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2009.

Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2005 ("Plan"), a 16b-3 Plan, is a nonqualified deferred compensation
(5) plan which allows Plan participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to Plan provisions.

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