

STEPAN CO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**PACHOLEC FRANK**

(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)  
**02/21/2017**

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)  
**Vice President R&D**

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                    | 02/21/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 1,015   | A  | 11  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 102.495   | A  | \$ 78.91  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 52,669.931  | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,038.28  | I  | By Esop II Trust                                      |

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        |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 78.58   | 02/21/2017                           |  | A                              | 1,393   | 02/21/2018 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/20/2027  | Common Stock |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 78.58   | 02/21/2017                           |  | A                              | 4,178   | 02/21/2018 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/20/2027  | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares                         | <sup>(3)</sup>   | 02/21/2017                           |  | A                              | 1,120   | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares                         | <sup>(4)</sup>   | 02/21/2017                           |  | M                              | 1,131   | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| PACHOLEC FRANK<br>22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD<br>NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 |               |           | Vice President R&D |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Frank Pacholec 02/23/2017

\_\_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) Amount reported reflects vesting of 1,015 performance shares as shown on Table II due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.
- (2) Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.
- (3) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2019.

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(4) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.

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