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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Behrens Scott R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First)

22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD

(Middle)

STEPAN CO [SCL]

(Check all applicable)

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

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

02/21/2017

below)

VP/GM Surfactants

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Tabl	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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)
Common Stock	02/21/2017		Code V M	Amount 1,542	(D)	Price \$ 78.52 (1)	6,140.071	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		F(2)	480	D	\$ 78.52	5,660.071	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		F(3)	226	D	\$ 78.52	5,434.071	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		M(4)	2,000	A	\$ 41.16	7,434.071	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		D(5)	1,047	D	\$ 78.52	6,387.071	D	

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Common Stock	03/03/2017	F(6)	296	D	\$ 78.52	6,091.071	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2017	S	657	D	\$ 77.96	5,434.071	D	
Common Stock						3,326.516	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 41.16	03/03/2017		M		2,000	02/17/2017	02/16/2025	Common Stock	2,000
Performance Shares	\$ 0 (7)	02/21/2017		M		1,718	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,71

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting o mior runne, runness	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Behrens Scott R. 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093			VP/GM Surfactants					

Signatures

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, Attorney-in-fact for Scott R.

Behrens 03/07/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 1,542 performance shares as shown in Table II due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.
- (2) The transaction reported reflects the withholding of shares from the performance shares vested on February 21, 2017, which is reported on this Form 4. Withholding of these shares were applied to the reporting person's account on the transaction date shown
- The transaction reported reflects the withholding of shares from the performance shares vested on February 21, 2017, which were reported on the Form 4 filed for the reporting person on February 23, 2017. Withholding of these shares were applied to the reporting person's account on the transaction date shown
- (4) The Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") were settled in shares of common stock as per the terms of the award.
- (5) Deemed disposition of underlying common stock to the issuer in an amount equal to the conversion price of the SARs.
- (6) Withholding of shares to satisfy tax liability on exercise of SARs.
- (7) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.

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