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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Catlett Janet Anne Issuer Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD 07/23/2018 below) below) VP, CHRO

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

(Zip)

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

(State)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 07/23/2018 A 1,470 2,970 D 81.63 Stock

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)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoor Num of Shar |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 81.63 | 07/23/2018 | | A | 629 | 07/23/2019(1) | 07/22/2028 | Common Stock | 6 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 81.63 | 07/23/2018 | | A | 1,886 | 07/23/2019(1) | 07/22/2028 | Common Stock | 1,8 |
| Performance Shares | <u>(2)</u> | 07/23/2018 | | A | 515 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 5 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Catlett Janet Anne 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 | | | VP, CHRO | | | |

Signatures

Matthew Michael Rice, Attorney-in-fact 07/25/2018

**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) Vests ratably over three years beginning on date shown
- (2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2020.

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