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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 *
Mergner Arthur W

(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)
VP & 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2017		M	1,449 A 11 6,449		D	
Common Stock	02/23/2017		A	102.495 A \$ 78.91 6,102.77		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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)			
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.58	02/21/2017		A	3,165	02/21/2018 ⁽²⁾	02/20/2027	Common Stock	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 78.58	02/21/2017		A	9,494	02/21/2018 ⁽²⁾	02/20/2027	Common Stock	
Performance Shares	⁽³⁾	02/21/2017		A	2,545	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Common Stock	
Performance Shares	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	02/21/2017		M		1,615	⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock
Share Units ⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁶⁾	02/21/2017		A	4,553.645	⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁷⁾	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Mergner Arthur W 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093	VP & General Manager

Signatures

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Arthur W. Mergner 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 1,449 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.
- (4) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.

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- Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2015) ("MIP"), a
- (5) nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows MIP participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to MIP provisions.
 - (6) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
 - (7) Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to reporting persons election under the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
 - (8) Price reported is the price of Common Stock on the date of the deferral.

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