

WOOD ROBERT JOHN

Form 4

February 24, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
02/22/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

V.P. & General Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	02/22/2012		M	(A) or (D) 2,100 (1) A (1)	6,323	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A	2,100 (1) A (1)	8,423	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		F	1,321 (1) D (1)	7,102	D	
Common Stock					4,775.329 (2)	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock					450	I	By Mother

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(3)	02/22/2012		M	2,100	(3) (3)	Common Stock	2,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
WOOD ROBERT JOHN 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093	Director 10% Owner Officer Other V.P. & General Manager

Signatures

Robert John Wood 02/24/2012

**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 2,100 performance shares on Table II. Upon vesting, total shares delivered to reporting person also includes an additional 2,100 shares due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2011. Also, 1,321 shares were disposed of for taxes as allowed under the plan.

(1) The amount reported for ESOP II in column five also includes 77,911 shares of company stock acquired pursuant to a Stepan Company contribution under ESOP II.

(3) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2011.

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