

WOOD ROBERT JOHN
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WOOD ROBERT JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEPAN CO [SCL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
V.P. & General Manager

(Street)
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 97 A \$ 32.17 | 7,199 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 97 D \$ 98.99 | 7,102 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/07/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,653 A \$ 32.17 | 8,755 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/07/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,653 D \$ 98.99 | 7,102 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,805.24 ⁽²⁾ | I |

By ESOP II Trust

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Common Stock 450 I By Mother

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.17 | 09/06/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 97 | 02/12/2010 02/11/2016 | Common Stock | 97 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.17 | 09/07/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,653 | 02/12/2010 02/11/2016 | Common Stock | 1,653 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Robert John Wood 09/10/2012
Date

__Signature of
Reporting Person

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) Transaction completed pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.
- (2) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.

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