

WOOD ROBERT JOHN
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FORM 4

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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)
02/18/2009

____ 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)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		23.3127	A	(1) 5,742.2775
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		82.1128	A	(2) 5,824.3903
Common Stock	02/18/2009		M		3,500 (4)	A	(4) 9,324.3903
Common Stock	02/18/2009		A		2,450 (4)	A	(4) 11,774.3903
Common Stock	02/18/2009		F		1,836 (4)	D	(4) 9,938.3903

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Management Incentive Plan	(3)	02/18/2009		J	275,469	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock
Performance Shares	(5)	02/18/2009		M	3,500	(5) (5)	Common Stock

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

Kathleen O. Sherlock, by Power of Attorney for Robert John Wood
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date 02/20/2009

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) Number of common stock shares acquired with dividend purchase to reporting person's account on February 18, 2009, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) established by Stepan Company.
- (2) Number of common stock shares acquired with dividend purchase to reporting person's account on February 18, 2009, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company.
- (3) Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2005 ("Plan"), a 16b-3 Plan, is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows Plan participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to Plan provisions.
- (4)

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Amount reported reflects vesting of 3,500 performance shares on Table II. Upon vesting, total shares delivered to Reporting Person also includes an additional 2,450 shares due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2008. Also, 1,836 shares were disposed of for taxes as allowed under the plan.

(5) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2008.

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