

WOOD ROBERT JOHN

Form 4

February 20, 2009

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)
02/18/2009

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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		23.3127	A	<u>(1)</u>	5,742.2775	D
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		82.1128	A	<u>(2)</u>	5,824.3903	D
Common Stock	02/18/2009		M		3,500 <u>(4)</u>	A	<u>(4)</u>	9,324.3903	D
Common Stock	02/18/2009		A		2,450 <u>(4)</u>	A	<u>(4)</u>	11,774.3903	D
Common Stock	02/18/2009		F		1,836 <u>(4)</u>	D	<u>(4)</u>	9,938.3903	D

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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

02/20/2009

**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) 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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