

HURLBUTT JAMES E  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HURLBUTT JAMES E**

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. & Chief Financial Officer**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		12.8745	A	(1) 3,631.0313
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		38.4138	A	(2) 3,669.4451
Common Stock	02/18/2009		M		2,000 (3)	A	(3) 5,669.4451
Common Stock	02/18/2009		A		1,400 (3)	A	(3) 7,069.4451
Common Stock	02/18/2009		F		1,002 (3)	D	(3) 6,067.4451

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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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired or Disposed of, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Underlying Security. Includes rows for Performance Shares and Management Incentive Plan.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Lists HURLBUTT JAMES E with relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other.

Signatures

James E. Hurlbutt 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) Amount reported reflects vesting of 2,000 performance shares on Table II. Upon vesting, total shares delivered to Reporting Person also includes an additional 1,400 shares due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2008. Also, 1,002 shares were disposed of for taxes as allowed under the plan.

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- (4) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2008.
- Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2005 ("Plan"), a 16b-3 Plan, is a nonqualified deferred compensation
- (5) plan which allows Plan participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to Plan provisions.

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