

STEPAN CO  
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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**

(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)  
**01/23/2007**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Finance

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | J                              |   | 2,478.233   | A  | (1)   | 9,000.82 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | J                              |   | 518,359   | D  | (2)   | 415,566  | I | Member of Plan Committee of Stepan Company |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 5-1/2% Convertible Preferred Stock         | (3)  | 01/23/2007                           |  | J                              | 587.6507  | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Common Stock 67   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| HURLBUTT JAMES E<br>22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD<br>NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 |               |           | VP, Finance |       |

## Signatures

James E. Hurlbutt 01/25/2007

\*\*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 allocated to reporting person's account on January 23, 2007, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company. A total of 407,920 unallocated common stock shares was transferred to the ESOP II from the Stepan Company Profit Sharing Plan on December 27, 2006.
- (2) Member of Plan Committee of Stepan Company, which has oversight responsibility over investments of funds of employee benefit programs. Amount represents number of Stepan Company stock shares transferred from the Stepan Company Profit Sharing Plan to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) on December 27, 2006.
- (3) Number of preferred stock shares allocated to reporting person's account on January 23, 2007, under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company. A total of 96,728 unallocated preferred stock shares was transferred to the ESOP II from the Stepan Company Profit Sharing Plan on December 27, 2006. The preferred stock conversion rate is 1.14175 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock.

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