

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) January 16, 2004

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## STEPAN COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other

Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-4462  
(Commission

File Number)

36-1823834  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Edens and Winnetka Road,  
Northfield, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60093  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 446-7500

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated January 16, 2004

**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 16, 2004, Stepan Company ( Stepan ) issued a press release providing certain information with respect to its anticipated financial results for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2003 and full year 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STEPAN COMPANY

By:                     /s/ Kathleen M. Owens

Kathleen M. Owens

Assistant Secretary

Date: January 20, 2004

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