

STEPAN F QUINN JR  
 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 \*  
 STEPAN F QUINN JR

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 RD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/17/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(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  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/17/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	24,000 A	\$ 23.675 63,744.7246	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2010		F <sup>(1)</sup>	16,442 D	\$ 76.7 47,302.7246	D	
Common Stock					3,749	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					55,712	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock					37,488	I	By Self as Custodian for

Common Stock	16,486	I	Children By Children
Common Stock	21,312	I	By Family Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	30,257	I	By Family LLC <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	1,200	I	By Spouse as Custodian for Children
Common Stock	370,190	I	Member of the 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.675	12/17/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	24,000	02/11/2004	02/10/2012	Common Stock	24,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

STEPAN F QUINN JR  
22 W. FRONTAGE RD.  
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

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President & CEO

## Signatures

F Quinn Stepan,  
Jr.

12/20/2010

\_\_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) Transaction completed pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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