STEPAN CO Form 4 February 23, 2017

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Servatius Gregory			2. Issuer Name s	and Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	STEPAN CO  3. Date of Earlies	. ,	(Check all applicable)			
22 W. FRO	ONTAGE ROAD		(Month/Day/Year 02/21/2017	:)	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  VP of Human Resources			
(Street)			4. If Amendment	, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
NORTHF	IELD, IL 60093		Filed(Month/Day/	(ear)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - No	n-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deeme	ed 3.	4. Securities Acquired (A	5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature			

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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. Securitie ord Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ	<b>)</b> )	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	02/21/2017		M	1,015	A	<u>(1)</u>	19,402.085	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2017		J	40,837 (2)	D	\$ 78.91	401,210	I	Member Of Plan Committee Of Stepan Company
Common Stock	02/23/2017		A	102.495	A	\$ 78.91	8,940.122	I	By Esop II Trust

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.58	02/21/2017		A	1,393		02/21/2018(3)	02/20/2027	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 78.58	02/21/2017		A	4,178		02/21/2018(3)	02/20/2027	Common Stock
Performance Shares	<u>(4)</u>	02/21/2017		A	1,120		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Performance Shares	<u>(5)</u>	02/21/2017		M		1,131	(5)	(5)	Common Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Servatius Gregory

22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 VP of Human Resources

# **Signatures**

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Gregory
Servatius

02/23/2017

\*\*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)

Reporting Owners 2

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Amount reported reflects vesting of 1,015 performance shares as shown on Table II due to achievement of certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.

- Reflects transfer of 40,837 shares of Stepan Company Common Stock from the Stepan Company Pension Plan to the Employee Stock

  (2) Ownership Plan II (ESOP II) established by Stepan Company. The reporting person is a member of the Plan Committee of Stepan Company which has oversight responsibility over investments of funds for employee benefit programs.
- (3) Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.
- (4) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2019.
- (5) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2016.

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