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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr Mergner Arthu	ess of Reporting Person ** r W	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
22 W. FRONT	AGE ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2018	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) VP, Supply Chain			
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
NORTHFIELD	o, IL 60093	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	(A)	5)	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/15/2018		Code V A(1)	Amount 24.72	or (D)	Price \$ 75.88	(Instr. 3 and 4) 9,861.569	D	
Common Stock							6,311.646 <u>(2)</u>	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)

D Se	Title of erivative ecurity nstr. 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	e Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.	
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
	hare nits (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/15/2018		A		17.48		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	17.48	\$ 75. (6)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Mergner Arthur W									
22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD			VP, Supply Chain						
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093									

Signatures

/s/ Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Arthur W.
Mergner 06/19/2018

**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) Reflects acquisition of deferred share units under the Performance Award Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan") pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the Plan.
- (2) Reflects ESOP II acquisitions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's last ownership report covering ESOP II holdings.
- Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2015) ("MIP"), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows MIP participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to MIP provisions.
- (4) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.
- Price reported is the price of Common Stock on the date the dividend equivalents are payable pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP

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