VENEGONI JOHN V

Form 4

September 16, 2011

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** VENEGONI JOHN V | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|-------------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | STEPAN CO [SCL] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD | | | (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2011 | Director 10% Owner Section Other (specification) Other (specification) VP/GM Surfactants | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| NORTHFIELD | D, 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) | (Zip) | | · ID· I c D C· II O | | | |

| (City) | (State) (2 | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securities on Acquired (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | Disposed of (D) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 18,242.5725 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,045.738 (1) | I | By ESOP II Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,000 | I | By self as custodian for child |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities | 8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Share Units (2) | <u>(3)</u> | 09/15/2011 | | A | 46.902 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 46.902 | \$ 7 |

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VENEGONI JOHN V 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

VP/GM Surfactants

Signatures

John V. Venegoni 09/16/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

Effective July 1, 2011, the Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") merged with and into the Employee Stock Ownership Plan II ("ESOP II"). All shares previously held under ESOP and ESOP II are now reflected as indirect holdings under the ESOP II trust. The

- (1) amount reported for ESOP II in column five consists of shares that were previously reported as direct holdings, but are now reported as indirect holdings. The amount reported for ESOP II in column five also includes 14.660 shares of common stock acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of ESOP II.
- Share Units are acquired under the Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2010 ("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.
- (3) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- (4) Reflects acquisition of Share Units pursuant to a dividend equivalent feature of the MIP, generally payable at end of employment, unless otherwise elected.

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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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