

Eaken Matthew John
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Eaken Matthew John		(Month/Day/Year)	STEPAN CO [SCL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP & Interim CFO	
NORTHFIELD,Â ILÂ 60093			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,136.124	I	By ESOP II Trust
Common Stock	2,797.61	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Performance Shares	Â <u>(1)</u>	Â <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	875	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â <u>(2)</u>	Â <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	509	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â <u>(3)</u>	Â <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	821	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/19/2015	02/18/2023	Common Stock	1,058	\$ 63.11	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/18/2016	02/17/2024	Common Stock	1,416	\$ 61.91	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/21/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	02/20/2027	Common Stock	1,899	\$ 78.58	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	2,759	\$ 43.85	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/19/2015	02/18/2023	Common Stock	453	\$ 63.11	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/18/2016	02/17/2024	Common Stock	472	\$ 61.91	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/21/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	02/20/2027	Common Stock	633	\$ 78.58	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	920	\$ 43.85	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Eaken Matthew John 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093	Â	Â	Â VP & Interim CFO	Â

Signatures

Matthew M. Rice, attorney-in-fact for Matthew J. Eaken

01/11/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2017.
- (2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2019.
- (3) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2018.
- (4) Vests ratably over three years beginning on the date shown.

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