

WOOD ROBERT JOHN  
 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 \*  
**WOOD ROBERT JOHN**

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 ROAD**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/16/2009**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

V.P. & General Manager

(Street)

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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**NORTHFIELD, IL 60093**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 4,027 (1) \$ 23.675   | A  | 11,359.2924 D                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 4,027 (1) \$ 61.99  | D  | 7,332.2924 D                      |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 23.675  | 09/16/2009                           |  | M                              | 4,027<br>(1)  | 02/11/2004 02/10/2012                                    | Common Stock 4,027  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| WOOD ROBERT JOHN<br>22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD<br>NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 |               |           | V.P. & General Manager |       |

## Signatures

Robert John  
Wood 09/17/2009

\_\_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.

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