STEPAN F QUINN JR

Form 4

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STEPAN F QUINN JR Symbo			2. Issuer Name ar Symbol STEPAN CO [S		Γrading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
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(Month			3. Date of Earliest Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2011	Transaction		_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give	e titleOt	% Owner her (specify		
						below)	below) sident & CEC)		
	(Street)	4	4. If Amendment, I	Date Original		6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Fil	ing(Check		
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NORTHFI	ELD, IL 60093					Person		toporung		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-	-Derivative S	Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Benefici	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/	ate, if Transactic Code /Year) (Instr. 8)	otor Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 a	l of (D) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/15/2011		Code V A	Amount 119.816 (1)	(D) Price A \$ 77.99	50 180 851	D			
Common Stock						4,084.602 (2)	I	By ESOP II Trust		
Common Stock						55,712	D (3)			

By Spouse

By Children

3,749

17,179

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Common Stock	37,488	I	By Self as Custodian for Children
Common Stock	1,200	I	By Spouse as Custodian for Children
Common Stock	30,257	I	By Family LLC (4)
Common Stock	24,000	I	By Family Trust (4)
Common Stock	7,500	I	By Family Trust II
Common Stock	17,464	I	By Family Trust III
Common Stock	337,248	I	Member of the Plan Committee of Stepan Company

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		erivative Expiration Date courities (Month/Day/Year) cquired (A) or isposed of (D) nstr. 3, 4, and		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 D S (1
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Share Units (5)	<u>(6)</u>	12/15/2011		A	158.576		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	158.576	

Reporting Owners

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

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STEPAN F QUINN JR 22 W. FRONTAGE RD. NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

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President & CEO

Signatures

F. Quinn Stepan, Jr.

12/16/2011

**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.
- The amount reported for ESOP II in column five also includes 46.211 shares of common stock acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of ESOP II.
- (3) Joint Tenancy with Spouse.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 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.
- (6) Share Units convert on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock.
- (7) 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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