

POTTER ROBERT G  
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 \*  
**POTTER ROBERT G**

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**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/31/2005**

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

**NORTHFIELD, IL 60093**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |                                   |

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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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|                                      | Derivative Security |            | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D)               | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                      |                     |            |  |      |   |     |                   |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Directors Deferred Compensation Plan | \$ 23.51            | 03/31/2005 |  | J    |   |     | 587<br><u>(1)</u> | 08/08/1988       | 08/08/1988      | Common Stock | 58                         |
| Directors Deferred Compensation Plan | \$ 23.51            | 04/01/2005 |  | J    |   | 451 |                   | 08/08/1988       | 08/08/1988      | Common Stock | 45                         |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POTTER ROBERT G<br>22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD<br>NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 |               | X         |         |       |

**Signatures**

Kathleen M. Owens, by Power of Attorney for Robert G. Potter  
 04/01/2005  
 \*\*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) On March 31, 2005, 587 shares were disposed of from the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan account and paid in cash to the Director pursuant to the provisions of the Director's Agreement with Stepan Company.

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