

STEPHAN CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BARONE RICHARD A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE CHAGRIN  
HIGHLANDS, 2000 AUBURN  
DRIVE SUITE 420**

(Street)

**CLEVELAND, OH 44122**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STEPHAN CO [TSC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/16/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Shares of Common Stock	05/16/2006		P	1,000	A	\$ 3.4	8,000	D	
Shares of Common Stock	05/17/2006		P	12,000	A	\$ 3.4017	20,000	D	
Shares of Common Stock							63,001 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Merlin Partners, LP
Shares of Common Stock							48,900 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Ancora

Common  
Stock

Special  
Opportunity  
Fund  
(Mutual  
Fund)

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Options	\$ 3.99					09/29/2006 09/29/2010		Common Stock	5,062

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARONE RICHARD A ONE CHAGRIN HIGHLANDS 2000 AUBURN DRIVE SUITE 420 CLEVELAND, OH 44122	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Richard A.  
Barone  
05/17/2006  
Date

Signature of  
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).

(1) Mr. Barone is the majority owner of Ancora Advisors, LCC, which has an investment management agreement with The Ancora Special Opportunity Fund and is General Partner of Merlin Partners, LP. Reported shares do not include shares held by accounts managed by Mr. Barone that are charged a management fee only, with the exception of the Ancora Special Opportunity Fund, of which Mr. Barone owns shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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