

HURLBUTT JAMES E  
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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 \*  
**HURLBUTT JAMES E**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD  
 (Street)

NORTHFIELD, IL 60093

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STEPAN CO [SCL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/18/2009

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)  
 V.P. & Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		12.8745	A	(1) 3,631.0313
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J		38.4138	A	(2) 3,669.4451
Common Stock	02/18/2009		M		2,000 (3)	A	(3) 5,669.4451
Common Stock	02/18/2009		A		1,400 (3)	A	(3) 7,069.4451
Common Stock	02/18/2009		F		1,002 (3)	D	(3) 6,067.4451



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(4) The performance shares vested upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2008.

Management Incentive Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2005 ("Plan"), a 16b-3 Plan, is a nonqualified deferred compensation

(5) plan which allows Plan participants to elect to defer all or a portion of their deferred compensation into accounts pursuant to Plan provisions.

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