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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STEPAN CO [SCL] A Slone Robert Victor (Month/Day/Year) 07/19/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) NORTHFIELD, ILÂ 60093 Form filed by More than One VP Chief Tech & Sustainability Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â $2,172.21 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Common Stock 246,784 I By ESOP II Trust Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Derivative	Security:	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	1,277	\$ 43.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/17/2017	02/16/2025	Common Stock	1,204	\$ 41.16	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/04/2015	11/03/2023	Common Stock	1,377	\$ 57.79	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/23/2018	02/22/2026	Common Stock	3,832	\$ 43.85	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	02/17/2017	02/16/2025	Common Stock	3,611	\$ 41.16	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/04/2015	11/03/2023	Common Stock	1,377	\$ 57.79	D	Â
Performance Shares	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,140	\$ 0	D	Â
Performance Shares	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,215	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Slone Robert Victor 22 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093	Â	Â	VP Chief Tech & Sustainability	Â		

Signatures

Robert V. Slone 07/21/2016

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes time-based Restricted Stock.
- (2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of Stepan Company Common Stock. The performance shares vest upon Stepan Company achieving certain financial targets by December 31, 2018.
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