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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading POTTER ROBERT G Issuer Symbol STEPAN CO [SCL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD 05/02/2006 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 Person

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	ecurities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	s Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disp	osed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 a	and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				,	(Reported		
					(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V		or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/02/2006		M	582 <u>(1)</u> A	\$ 19.75	2,576	D	

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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 D S (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 19.75	05/02/2006		M	1,620	05/07/1998	05/06/2006	Common Stock	1,620	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Kathleen M. Owens, by Power of Attorney for Robert G.
Potter 05/03/2006

**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) Net amount from stock option exercise pursuant to stock pyramiding exempt pursuant to Rule 16(b) 3(f) (2) Release No. 34-28869.

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