

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2013

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 02/19/2013**

**STEPAN COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 1-4462**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**36-1823834**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Edens and Winnetka Road, Northfield, Illinois 60093**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(847)446-7500**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On February 21, 2013, Stepan Company ("Stepan") issued a press release announcing that on February 19, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized Stepan to repurchase up to 1,000,000 shares of Stepan's outstanding common stock. This repurchase authorization replaces the prior authorization approved on February 11, 2009, of which the remaining unutilized repurchase authorization of 170,542 shares is cancelled. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number: 99.1

Description: Press Release of Stepan Company dated February 21, 2013

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STEPAN COMPANY

Date: February 21, 2013

By: /s/ Kathleen Sherlock

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Kathleen Sherlock  
Assistant Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
EX-99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated February 21, 2013