

STEPAN CO  
Form S-8 POS  
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Registration No. 333-39938

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO**  
**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**STEPAN COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Edens and Winnetka Road  
Northfield, Illinois 60093**

(Address, including zip code, of Principal Executive Offices)

**Stepan Company 2000 Stock Option Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

**H. Edward Wynn**

**Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

**Stepan Company**

**Edens and Winnetka Road**

**Northfield, Illinois 60093**

**(847) 446-7500**

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE TO  
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8**

On December 14, 2012, Stepan Company (the *Registrant*) effected a two-for-one stock split (the *Stock Split*) of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (*Common Stock*). Pursuant to Rule 416(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*), the Registrant hereby amends its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-39938), filed on June 22, 2000, to reflect that, as a result of the Stock Split, the number of shares registered for issuance under the Stepan Company 2000 Stock Option Plan, as amended (the *Plan*), increased from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000.

Such Registration Statement is further amended to reflect that, in accordance with Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act, the number of shares registered shall include such additional shares that may be issued from time to time under the Plan as the result of any future stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the Registrant's outstanding Common Stock.

**PART II  
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

The legality of the shares of Common Stock being offered under this Registration Statement has been passed upon for the Registrant by Mr. H. Edward Wynn, who owns or has rights to acquire an aggregate of less than 1% of the Common Stock.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

Exhibit	
Number	Description
5.1	Opinion of Counsel
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.2	Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Northfield, State of Illinois, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

**STEPAN COMPANY**

By: /s/ H. Edward Wynn  
Name: H. Edward Wynn  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated and on the date indicated above.

Signature	Title(s)
F. Quinn Stepan, Jr	* President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
James E. Hurlbutt	* Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
F. Quinn Stepan	* Chairman and Director
Michael R. Boyce	* Director
Randall S. Dearth	* Director
Joaquin Delgado	* Director
Gregory E. Lawton	* Director
Edward J. Wehmer	* Director

\* This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed on behalf of the above officers and directors by H. Edward Wynn, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney filed as Exhibit 24.1 to this Registration Statement.

Dated: February 27, 2013

By: /s/ H. Edward Wynn  
H. Edward Wynn  
Attorney-in-Fact

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