

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
July 22, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) July 21, 2004

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## STEPAN COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-4462  
(Commission File Number)

36-1823834  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Edens and Winnetka Road,

Northfield, Illinois

60093

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated July 21, 2004

**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On July 21, 2004, Stepan Company ( Stepan ) issued a press release providing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

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

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Owens

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Kathleen M. Owens  
Assistant Secretary

Date: July 22, 2004

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