

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2004

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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)

**October 20, 2004**

**STEPAN COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-4462**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

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

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**Edens and Winnetka Road,**  
**Northfield, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60093**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(847) 446-7500**

**Not Applicable**  
(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 20, 2004, Stepan Company ( Stepan ) issued a press release providing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004. 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.**

(c) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

**Number    Description**

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99.1      Press Release of Stepan Company dated October 20, 2004

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: October 21, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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