

STEPAN CO
Form 8-K
October 25, 2017

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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): 10/25/2017

STEPAN COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-4462

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| Delaware | 36-1823834 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of | (IRS Employer |
| incorporation) | 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)

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(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 2.02.Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 25, 2017, Stepan Company (“Stepan”) issued a press release providing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01.Other Events

On October 25, 2017, Stepan issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved an increase of \$0.02 per share on its quarterly cash dividend on its common stock. The dividend will be paid on December 15, 2017 to common stockholders of record on November 30, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 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 October 25, 2017

Exhibit Number: 99.2

Description: Press Release of Stepan Company dated October 25, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| EX-99.1 | <u>Press Release of Stepan Company dated October 25, 2017</u> |
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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: October 25, 2017 By: /s/ Jennifer Ansbro Hale
Jennifer Ansbro Hale
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary