STEPAN CO Form SD May 30, 2018 UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM SD

SPECIALIZED DISCLOSURE REPORT

Stepan Company

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-4462 36-1823834 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS Employer

Incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

22 W. Frontage Road, Northfield, IL 60093 (Address of principle executive offices) (Zip code)

Matthew M. Rice, Assistant Secretary, (847) 446-7500

(Name and telephone number, including are code, of the person to contact in connection with this report.)

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Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

Conflict Minerals Disclosure

A copy of Stepan Company's (the "Company") Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto. This Form SD and the Conflict Minerals Report are available on the Company's website at www.stepan.com/News/Articles/Conflict-Minerals-Disclosure.aspx.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

The Company has filed, as an exhibit to this Form SD, the Conflict Minerals Report required by Item 1.01.

Section 2 – Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

Exhibit 1.01 – Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form SD.

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 duly authorized undersigned.

Stepan Company (Registrant)

/s/ Jennifer Ansbro Hale By: Jennifer Ansbro Hale May 30, 2018 (Date)

Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary