

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2010

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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): 07/16/2010**

**STEPAN COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 1-4462**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**36-1823834**  
(IRS Employer  
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)

(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:

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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 8.01. Other Events**

On July 16, 2010, Stepan Company ("Stepan") issued a press release announcing that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Stepan Europe S.A.S., acquired all of the shares of Alfa Systems Sp. z o.o. The purchase includes Alfa Systems' new plant located in Brzeg Dolny, just outside of Wroclaw, Poland. The plant started up in mid-2009 and specializes in the manufacture of aromatic polyester polyols from recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET) as a raw material. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed. 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**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number: 99.1

Description: Press Release of Stepan Company dated July 16, 2010

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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: July 21, 2010

By: /s/ Kathleen Sherlock

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Kathleen Sherlock  
Assistant Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
EX-99.1	Press Release of Stepan Company dated July 16, 2010