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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

SEC FILE NUMBER: 1-4436 CUSIP NUMBER: 858603103000	
(Check one): (X)Form 10-K ()Form 20-K ()Form 11-K ()Form 10-Q ()	Form N-SAR
December 31, 2002 For Period Ended: () Transition Report on Form 10-K () Transition Report on Form 20-F	
() Transition Report on Form 11-K() Transition Report on Form 10-Q() Transition Report on From N-SARFor the Transition Period Ended:	
Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.	
If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:	
PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION	
THE STEPHAN CO.	
Full Name of Registrant	
Former Name if Applicable	
1850 WEST McNAB ROAD	
Address of Principal Executive Office(Street and Number)	
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33309	
City, State and Zip Code	

PART II - RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

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- | (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part
 | III of this form could not be eliminated without
 | unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report,
 (x) | transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K,
 | Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on
 | or before the fifteenth calendar day following the
 | prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly
 | report of transition and report on Form 10-Q, or
 | portion thereof will be filed on or before the
 | fifth calendar day following the prescribed due
 | date; and
 - (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit
 required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if
 applicable.

PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why the Form 10-K, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach Extra Sheets if Needed)

In mid-January, 2003, due to medical reasons, our Chief Financial Officer was required to take a leave of absence. As a result of this absence, the preparation of information for the timely completion of the annual audit has been delayed, thus the Company can not file its Annual Report on Form 10-K by March 31, 2003 without unreasonable effort or expense.

PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification.

David Spiegel	(954)	971-0600	
(Name)	(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)	

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

(X) Yes () No

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(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

(X) Yes () No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

THE	STEPHAN	CO.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

	March	31,	2003		/s/	David	Spiegel
Date_				Ву			

PART IV, Item (3) Additional Information:

While the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002 are expected to be consistent with the prior fiscal year, as previously stated in prior quarterly filings on Form 10-Q, the Company anticipates a material write down of goodwill and other intangible assets as a result of the implementation of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". Although our independent certified public accountants have not completed their audit, the Company expects that the impairment loss will be in the range of \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000.