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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Freeman Thomas E Issuer Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify 303 PEACHTREE STREET 02/26/2010 below) Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ATLANTA, GA 30308 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect

(Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 8,687 D Stock Common I 618.021 401(k) (1) Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Restricted

Stock (2)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of Derivative TransactionSecurities Acquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and		
				0.1	3 7	(4)		(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Units (3)	(3)			Code	V	(A)		(D)	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units (4)	<u>(4)</u>	02/26/2010		A		1,452.47	708		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units (4)	<u>(4)</u>	02/26/2010		F				21.0605	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Option (5)	\$ 71.03								02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock
Option (5)	\$ 85.06								02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock
Option (5)	\$ 64.58								02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock
Option (5)	\$ 9.06								02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock
Option (6)	\$ 9.06								02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Freeman Thomas E 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308

Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off.

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Freeman 03/02/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.
- Restricted stock granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features (2) allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 37,600 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.
- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Represents stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan paid as salary. The stock units will be settled in cash one half on March 31, 2011 and one half on March 31, 2012, unless settled earlier due to the executive's death.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. This option was granted on February 10, 2009 subject to approval by shareholders of the 2009 Stock Plan. Such plan was approved by Shareholders on April 28, 2009.

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