

JENKINS STARK JOHN F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 JENKINS STARK JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3003 TASMAN DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/02/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 CFO

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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

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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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Number of Shares |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 50.38 | 05/02/2006 | A | 1,984 | | | | | 05/02/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/02/2013 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 50.38 | 05/02/2006 | A | 8,016 | | | | | 05/02/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/02/2013 | Common Stock | 8 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 05/02/2006 | A | 6,375 | | | | | 12/01/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 12/31/2007 | Common Stock | 6 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JENKINS STARK JOHN F 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | CFO | |

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: John Jenkins-Stark

 **Signature of Reporting Person

05/04/2006

 Date

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) Stock options were granted to the reporting person. Vesting will occur annually from the date of grant over 4 years with 25% vesting each year.
- The reporting person was granted restricted stock units (RSUs) which are subject to performance-based vesting. The RSUs are effective as of 5/2/06, and will vest on 12/1/07, based on the level of return on average equity (ROE) achieved by the Company at December 31, 2006 as follows: (i) if less than 90% of target, none will vest; (ii) if 90% but less than 100% of target 2,125 will vest; (iii) if 100% but less than 110% of target 4,250 will vest; and (iv) if 110% or greater of target 6,375 will vest. Vesting is subject to adjustment by the Compensation Committee as approved to take into account extraordinary items that may impact the calculation of ROE.

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