

Dierker David F  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Dierker David F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 303 PEACHTREE STREET  
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/14/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Corp. EVP & Chief Adm. Off.

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 Following 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) Price			
Common Stock	02/14/2009		A	5,701	A \$ 8.72	12,774	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/13/2009		F	2,204	D \$ 8.72	10,570	D
Common Stock						4,930.361	I 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						50,607	I Restricted Stock <sup>(3)</sup>

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	1,235.7873
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 73.0625					11/09/2002	11/09/2009	Common Stock	1,900
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 51.125					11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	3,500
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	4,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	18,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	30,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	30,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 64.58					02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	70,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 9.06					02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock	238,475

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dierker David F 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308			Corp. EVP & Chief Adm. Off.	

## Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for David F. Dierker	02/18/2009
<u>    </u> Signature of Reporting Person	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) Includes 5,701 shares of restricted stock which vested on 02/14/2009.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Restricted stock held under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan and SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Subject to certain vesting conditions. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. Both plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 5,237 shares of restricted stock which vest on 2/13/2010 and 32,600 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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