

STERLING BANCORP  
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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 \*  
MILLMAN JOHN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STERLING BANCORP [STL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/29/2008

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

NEW YORK, NY 10019  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 312,268 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 52,121  | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,477   | I  | By IRA  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 291   | I  | Owned By Spouse                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,197   | I  | Owned By Spouse (IRA)                                 |

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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 | 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 Number Shares |
| Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)     | \$ 14.6  |                                      |  |                     |   | 02/06/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/06/2012  | Common Stock | 37,800               |
| Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 10.34   |                                      |  |                     |   | 02/10/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/10/2008  | Common Stock | 120,000              |
| Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 8.69  |                                      |  |                     |   | 02/12/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/12/2009  | Common Stock | 99,000               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| MILLMAN JOHN C<br>650 FIFTH AVENUE<br>4TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10019 | X             |           | President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Millman,  
John C

01/30/2008

\*\*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) Current holdings have been corrected by subtracting shares that had been held in a profit sharing plan. As of December 31, 2007, all shares previously held in the profit sharing plan were reported as held in the 401(k). 401(k) holdings were correctly reported.
- (2) Options become exercisable, commencing on the second anniversary of the grant, in installments over a six-year period for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
- (3) Non-qualified options are exercisable commencing on the first anniversary of the grant for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).

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