

IVESTER M DOUGLAS
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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 *
 IVESTER M DOUGLAS

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3384 PEACHTREE RD., SUITE 375
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/21/2009

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

ATLANTA, GA 30326

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	70,000	D	

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)

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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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	01/21/2009		A	197.2387	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	197.2387
Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 51.125					11/14/2000	11/14/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 64.57					11/13/2001	11/13/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 54.28					02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Phantom Stock <u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	6,808

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IVESTER M DOUGLAS 3384 PEACHTREE RD. SUITE 375 ATLANTA, GA 30326		X		

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for M. Douglas
Ivester

01/23/2009

 **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).

- The phantom stock units were accrued under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled upon
- (1) the reporting person's retirement. Directors fees are deferred into this plan and are accounted for as if invested in SunTrust common stock. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
 - (2) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
 - (3) Restricted stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Payments commence following the reporting person's departure from the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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