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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Fortin Raymond D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
303 PEACHTREE STREET	(Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2009	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Corp. EVP & General Counsel			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ATLANTA, GA 30308 (City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner.			

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivativ					ative 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	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial			
(msu. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	(A) or	,	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	19,264	D			
Common Stock							2,991.17	I	401(k) (1)		
Common Stock	02/10/2009	02/10/2009	A	25,100	A	\$0	51,297	I	Restricted Stock (2)		

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 or Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	e (A) or of (D)	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
Phantom Stock Units (3)	<u>(3)</u>						(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	1,466.6
Option (4)	\$ 70.8125						11/10/2001	11/10/2008	Common Stock	1,40
Option (4)	\$ 73.0625						11/09/2002	11/09/2009	Common Stock	5,00
Option (5)	\$ 51.125						11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	8,05
Option (5)	\$ 64.57						11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	10,9
Option (5)	\$ 54.28						02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	13,1:
Option (5)	\$ 73.19						02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	15,0
Option (6)	\$ 73.14						02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	18,0
Option (6)	\$ 71.03						02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	20,0
Option (6)	\$ 85.06						02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	18,0
Option (6)	\$ 64.58						02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	33,50
Option (6)	\$ 9.06	02/10/2009		A	183,273	3	02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock	183,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Fortin Raymond D 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308

Corp. EVP & General Counsel

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Raymond D. Fortin

02/12/2009

**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).
- (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 held under 1986 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan, 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan, SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan and SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Subject to certain vesting conditions. Restricted stock agreements contain tax
- (2) withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. All plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 5,321 shares of restricted stock which vest on 02/14/2009, 3,809 shares which vest on 2/13/2010 and 25,100 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.
- 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) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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