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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Freeman Thomas E

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off.

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10% Owner

303 PEACHTREE STREET

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

02/15/2011

X_ Officer (give title below)

Director

Other (specify

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

16,168

 $D^{(1)}$

D

Common Stock

616.6362

57,786

 $D^{(2)}$

Common Stock

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)

I S	. Title of Derivative ecurity (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	th/Day/Year) Say Deemed A. S. Number of Derivative TransactionSecurities Acquired (A Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			ired (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and		
		Security					,		(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
S	Phantom Stock Jnits (3)	(3)			Code \	V	(.	A)	(D)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock
S	Phantom Stock Jnits (4)	<u>(4)</u>								<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
S	Phantom Stock Jnits (5)	<u>(5)</u>	02/15/2011		A		1,061	.1639		(5)	(5)	Common Stock
S	Phantom Stock Jnits (5)	<u>(5)</u>	02/15/2011		D				15.3869	(5)	(5)	Common Stock
C	Option (6)	\$ 71.03								02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock
C	Option (6)	\$ 85.06								02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock
(Option (6)	\$ 64.58								02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock
(Option (6)	\$ 9.06								02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock
(Option (7)	\$ 9.06								02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
rg	Director	r 10% Owner Officer		Other
Freeman Thomas E				
303 PEACHTREE STREET			Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off.	
ATLANTA, GA 30308			_	

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Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Freeman

02/17/2011

**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 granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan and the 2009 Stock Plan. Restricted stock agreements contain tax (2) withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 37,600 shares which vest on 02/10/2012 and 20,186 shares which vest on 12/16/2012.
- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s Deferred Compensation Plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Represents stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan paid as salary. The stock units will be settled in cash one half on March 31, 2011 and one half on March 31, 2012, unless settled earlier due to the executive's death.
- (5) Represents stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan paid as salary. The stock units will be settled on March 15, 2012, unless settled earlier due to the executive's death.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.
- (7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. This option was granted on February 10, 2009 subject to approval by shareholders of the 2009 Stock Plan. Such plan was approved by Shareholders on April 28, 2009.

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