

Descheneaux Michael
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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 *
 Descheneaux Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3005 TASMAN DRIVE
 (Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/27/2011

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)
 CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 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)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	04/27/2011	A ⁽¹⁾	9,000					12/20/2013	12/20/2013	Common Stock	9,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/27/2011	A ⁽²⁾	3,000					04/27/2012	04/27/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 60.37	04/27/2011	A ⁽³⁾	16,000					04/27/2012	04/27/2018	Common Stock	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Descheneaux Michael 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			CFO	

Signatures

Lisa Bertolet as attorney
in fact

04/29/2011

**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).

The reporting person was granted performance-based restricted stock units which are subject to performance and time-based vesting (PRSUs). The extent to which the PRSU awards are earned will be based on the Company's 2011 performance, as determined pursuant to

- (1) the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The reported number of shares is the maximum number of shares that may be earned by the reporting person, based on achievement of 150% of target performance. The PRSUs are effective as of 4/27/2011, and the extent deemed earned at the end of the 2011 performance period, will vest on 12/20/2013, subject to continued service.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.
- (3) Stock Options vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.

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