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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

303 PEACHTREE STREET

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/15/2010

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)
 Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					4,561	D	
Common Stock					619.7	I	401(k) ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					52,801	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 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(4)</u>	01/15/2010		A	1,478.5519	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(4)</u>	01/15/2010		F	113.1094	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock
Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock
Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 64.58					02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock
Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 9.06					02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock
Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 9.06					02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Freeman
01/20/2010

__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. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features
 - (2) allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 4,126 shares of restricted stock which vest on 2/13/2010 and 37,600 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.
 - (3) 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) 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) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.
 - (6) 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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