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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 *
 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)
 02/10/2009

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)
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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					609.517	I	401(k) ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A	37,600 A \$ 0	57,362	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾					⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾	Common Stock 868.27
Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009 02/14/2016	Common Stock 18,00
Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010 02/13/2017	Common Stock 20,00
Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 64.58					02/12/2011 02/12/2018	Common Stock 81,40
Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 9.06	02/10/2009		A	250,000	02/10/2012 02/10/2019	Common Stock 250,00

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

 **Signature of Reporting Person

02/12/2009

 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.
- (2) Restricted stock granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 4,561 shares of restricted stock which will vest on 02/14/2009, 4,126 shares which vest on 2/13/2010 and 37,600 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.
- (3)

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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 SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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