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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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| (City) | (State) (Zip) 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4, 5) | re s (A) or of (D) | Expiration Date | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | 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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