

HOLDING FRANK B  
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 \*  
HOLDING FRANK B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/03/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice Chairman

POST OFFICE BOX 1377

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

(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 (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/03/2012                           |  | G                              | V 333,865 (3) A \$ 0  | 635,990   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/03/2012                           |  | G                              | V 366,856 D \$ 0  | 0   | I  | By: F. Holding 2010 GRAT                              |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   | 538,703 (1)   | I  | By spouse   |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   | 144,226 (1)   | I  | By Ella Ann 2010 GRAT                                 |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|---|----------------------|---|------|--------------------|---|--|
| Stock                      |            |   |   |                      |   |      |                    |   |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 02/03/2012 | G | V | <u>32,991</u><br>(3) | A | \$ 0 | 703,018 <u>(1)</u> | I | By adult children<br>and their spouses<br>and children |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 26,430 <u>(1)</u>  | I | By trust for adult<br>children                         |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 8,214 <u>(2)</u>   | I | By Twin States<br>Farming, Inc.                        |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 167,600 <u>(2)</u> | I | By First Citizens<br>Bancorporation,<br>Inc.           |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 28,628 <u>(2)</u>  | I | By Heritage<br>BancShares, Inc.<br>and subsidiary      |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 100,000 <u>(2)</u> | I | By Fidelity<br>BancShares, Inc.                        |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 46,699 <u>(2)</u>  | I | By Southern<br>BancShares(N.C.),<br>Inc.               |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 46,000 <u>(2)</u>  | I | By Southern Bank<br>and Trust<br>Company               |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 54,000 <u>(2)</u>  | I | By Goshen, Inc.  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 627 <u>(2)</u>     | I | By E&F<br>Properties, Inc.                             |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 1,007              | D |  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 02/03/2012 | G | V | 4,374                | D | \$ 0 | 0                  | I | By F. Holding<br>2010 GRAT                             |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 2,739              | I | By spouse  |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |   |   |                      |   |      | 700 <u>(1)</u>     | I | By Ella Ann 2010<br>GRAT                               |

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|----------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------|---|------|------------------------|---|--|
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | 02/03/2012 | G V | 4,374 <sup>(3)</sup> | A | \$ 0 | 627,400 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | By adult children<br>and their spouses<br>and children |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |     |                      |   |      | 6,175 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I | By trust for adult<br>children                         |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |     |                      |   |      | 45,900 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I | By First Citizens<br>Bancorporation,<br>Inc.           |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |     |                      |   |      | 22,619 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I | By Southern<br>BancShares (N.C.),<br>Inc.              |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |     |                      |   |      | 1,355 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I | By Twin States<br>Farming, Inc.                        |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |     |                      |   |      | 200 <sup>(2)</sup>     | I | By E&F<br>Properties, Inc.                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Benef<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

HOLDING FRANK B  
POST OFFICE BOX 1377 X X Executive Vice Chairman  
SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

## Signatures

Frank B. Holding, By: William R. Lathan, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/29/2012

\_\_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 disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the

- (1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.
- (2) The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Reflects distribution from grantor retained annuity trust.

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