Kuntz Thomas G Form 4 February 18, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and A Kuntz Thor	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)				(Check all applicable)			
200 SOUT	H ORANGE AV	_ `	(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2009			give title10 below) xecutive Vice F		
	(Street)	4. If An	nendment, D	ate Original	6. Individual or	r Joint/Group Fi	ling(Check	
ORLANDO	Filed(M	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-	Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired		5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)		Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)		Reported	(Instr. 4)		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/14/2009		A	5,512	A	\$ 8.72	15,906	D (1)	
Stock						0.72			
Common Stock	02/13/2009		F	1,800	D	\$ 8.72	14,106	D	
C									
Common Stock							6,246.746	I	401(k) (2)
									77
Common							10,000	I	Kuntz Limited
Stock							,		Partnership
Common							39,342	I	Restricted
Stock							37,344	1	Stock (3)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (4)	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,070.7574
Phantom Stock Units (5)	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	8,000
Option (6)	\$ 73.0625					11/09/2002	11/09/2009	Common Stock	5,000
Option (7)	\$ 51.125					11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Option (7)	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	12,000
Option (7)	\$ 63.74					08/01/2005	08/02/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Option (7)	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	11,000
Option (7)	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Option (8)	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	18,000
Option (8)	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	24,000
Option (8)	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	19,000

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Option (8)	\$ 64.58	02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	34,000
Option (8)	\$ 29.54	12/31/2011	12/31/2018	Common Stock	50,000
Option (8)	\$ 9.06	02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common	186,128

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kuntz Thomas G 200 SOUTH ORANGE AVE. ORLANDO, FL 32801

Corp. Executive Vice President

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas G.

Kuntz 02/18/2009

**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) Includes 5,512 shares of restricted stock which vested on 02/14/2009.
- (2) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan 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 the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Subject to certain vesting conditions. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. All plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 4,126 shares of restricted stock which vest 02/13/2010, 4,500 shares which vest on 02/12/2011, 5,000 shares which vest on 10/31/2011, 25,400 shares which vest on 02/10/2012 and 316 shares which vest on 03/19/2016.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Granted in exchange for restricted stock. Will be paid out on various dates. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (8) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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