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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Freeman Thomas E Issuer Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ __ Other (specify 303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E. 03/11/2013 below) Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off. (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

| (City) | (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefit | | | | | | | | of, or Beneficial | ly 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 nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2013 | | G | V | 125 | D | <u>(9)</u> | 55,167 | D (2) | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2013 | | G | | 125 | A | <u>(9)</u> | 125 | I | Son |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 626.2697 | I (1) | 401(k) |

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| 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 Derivate Securiti Acquires (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3 4, and 5 | (Month/Day/Yve ve es d d | te | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units (3) | <u>(3)</u> | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 1,444.6076 |
| Phantom Stock Units (4) | <u>(4)</u> | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 3,457 |
| Phantom Stock (5) | <u>(5)</u> | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | (5) | Common Stock | 17,233.59 |
| Option (6) | \$ 71.03 | | | | | 02/14/2009 | 02/14/2016 | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Option (6) | \$ 85.06 | | | | | 02/13/2010 | 02/13/2017 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option (6) | \$ 64.58 | | | | | 02/12/2011 | 02/12/2018 | Common Stock | 81,400 |
| Option (6) | \$ 9.06 | | | | | 02/10/2012 | 02/10/2019 | Common Stock | 250,000 |
| Option (7) | \$ 9.06 | | | | | 02/10/2012 | 02/10/2019 | Common Stock | 25,276 |
| Option (8) | \$ 29.2 | | | | | 04/01/2012 | 04/01/2021 | Common Stock | 27,349 |
| Option (8) | \$ 21.67 | | | | | (8) | 02/14/2022 | Common Stock | 44,400 |
| Option (8) | \$ 27.41 | | | | | 02/26/2014 | 02/26/2023 | Common Stock | 13,495 |
| Option (8) | \$ 27.41 | | | | | 02/26/2015 | 02/26/2023 | Common Stock | 13,495 |
| Option (8) | \$ 27.41 | | | | | 02/26/2016 | 02/26/2023 | Common Stock | 13,496 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Freeman Thomas E 303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E. ATLANTA, GA 30308

Corp. EVP & Chief Credit Off.

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E.
Freeman

03/18/2013

**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) 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.
- Includes restricted stock granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan and the 2009 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.
- (3) The phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s Deferred Compensation Plan. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- Reflects time vesting as of March 31, 2012 with respect to restricted stock units originally granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009
- (4) Stock Plan on April 1, 2011. Grant was exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. Award will vest pro rata annually (i.e. one-third each year) and will vest post-retirement provided certain noncompetition and other restrictive covenants are performed.
- (5) Represents restricted stock units, half of which vest on 2/14/2014 and half on 2/15/2015.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 StockPlan.
- (8) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. Award vests annually over the next three years.
- (9) This transaction was a gift.

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