

WELLS JAMES M III  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WELLS JAMES M III**

(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)  
 02/14/2009

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)  
 Chairman, President and CEO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/14/2009		A	V Amount \$ 8.72	118,022	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock	02/13/2009		F	V Amount \$ 8.72	111,854	D	
Common Stock					12,267	I	Spouse
Common Stock					1,672.377	I	401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					109,758	I	Restricted Stock <sup>(3)</sup>

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Common Stock 50,916 I GRAT

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 or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	5,840.9837
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 73.0625					12/31/2001	11/09/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 50.5					03/06/2003	03/06/2010	Common Stock	24,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 50.5					03/06/2005	03/06/2010	Common Stock	16,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 51.125					12/31/2001	11/14/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 51.125					11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	35,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 64.57					12/31/2001	11/13/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	60,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	100,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	100,000

Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 73.14			02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	60,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 71.03			02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	100,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 85.06			02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	163,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 64.58			02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	250,000
Option <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 9.06			02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock	250,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELLS JAMES M III 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for James M. Wells III

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 19,006 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 granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features
- (3) allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 24,758 shares of restricted stock which vest on 2/13/2010 and 50,000 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.
- (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 pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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