

IVESTER M DOUGLAS
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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 *
 IVESTER M DOUGLAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3384 PEACHTREE RD., SUITE 375
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2009

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

ATLANTA, GA 30326

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting 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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 70,000 | D | |

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)

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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. Transaction Code | 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 ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 197,2387 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 51.125 | | | | | 11/14/2000 | 11/14/2010 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 64.57 | | | | | 11/13/2001 | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 54.28 | | | | | 02/11/2003 | 02/11/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Phantom Stock ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 6,808.2047 |
| Put Option ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 12.5 | 01/26/2009 | | S | 300 | 01/26/2009 | 02/20/2009 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| IVESTER M DOUGLAS 3384 PEACHTREE RD. SUITE 375 ATLANTA, GA 30326 | X | | | |

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for M. Douglas Ivester
 01/27/2009
 **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).
- The phantom stock units were accrued under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled upon (1) the reporting person's retirement. Directors fees are deferred into this plan and are accounted for as if invested in SunTrust common stock. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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- (2) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (3) Restricted stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Payments commence following the reporting person's departure from the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
Standardized, exchange-traded option. Each contract sold by the reporting person gives the holder the right to require the reporting person
- (4) to purchase 100 shares of SunTrust common stock at the conversion price per share. Amount reported in column 8 is per each 100-share contract.

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