

Kuntz Thomas G
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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 *
Kuntz Thomas G

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)
 200 SOUTH ORANGE AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/10/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Corp. Executive Vice President

ORLANDO, FL 32801

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					10,394	D	
Common Stock					6,246.746	I	401(k) ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					10,000	I	Kuntz Limited Partnership
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A	25,400 A \$ 0	44,854	I	Restricted Stock ⁽²⁾

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 Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾					⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾	Common Stock 1,070.7
Phantom Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾					⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock 8,00
Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 73.0625					11/09/2002 11/09/2009	Common Stock 5,00
Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 51.125					11/14/2003 11/14/2010	Common Stock 10,00
Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004 11/13/2011	Common Stock 12,00
Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 63.74					08/01/2005 08/02/2012	Common Stock 10,00
Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006 02/11/2013	Common Stock 11,00
Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007 02/10/2014	Common Stock 15,00
Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008 02/08/2015	Common Stock 18,00
Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009 02/14/2016	Common Stock 24,00
Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010 02/13/2017	Common Stock 19,00
Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 64.58					02/12/2011 02/12/2018	Common Stock 34,00
Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 29.54					12/31/2011 12/31/2018	Common Stock 50,00

Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 9.06	02/10/2009	A	186,128	02/10/2012	02/10/2019	Common Stock	186,1
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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	02/12/2009
<u> </u> 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.

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
- (2) 16(b)-3. Includes 5,512 shares of restricted stock which will vest on 2/14/2009, 4,126 shares 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (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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