

LANIER JOHN HICKS  
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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 \*  
LANIER JOHN HICKS

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)  
222 PIEDMONT AVE., NE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2009

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

ATLANTA, GA 30308

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 1,700 A \$ 7.86   | 10,682   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 2,300 A \$ 7.865  | 12,982   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 7,294 A \$ 7.87   | 20,276   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 3,300 A \$ 7.9  | 23,576   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 10,406 A \$ 7.96  | 33,982   | D   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 25,604   | I Trusts <sup>(1)</sup>                               |

|              |        |              |                               |  |
|--------------|--------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock |        |              |                               |  |
| Common Stock | 38,495 | I            | Foundation Account <u>(2)</u> |  |
| Common Stock | 1,200  | D <u>(3)</u> |                               |  |

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) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                    | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock <u>(4)</u>                   | <u>(4)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock             | 1,448.9803                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LANIER JOHN HICKS<br>222 PIEDMONT AVE., NE<br>ATLANTA, GA 30308 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

David Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for J. Hicks  
Lanier  
02/26/2009

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) Held in various family trusts.

(2) Held in the Sartain Lanier Family Foundation.

(3) Restricted stock held under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. The plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3.

Restricted stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Payments commence following the reporting person's  
(4) departure from the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis. Includes additional shares acquired as a result of reinvestment of dividends since the reporting person's last filing.

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