

WELLS JAMES M III  
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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 \*  
**WELLS JAMES M III**

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)  
 303 PEACHTREE STREET  
 (Street)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President and CEO

ATLANTA, GA 30308  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					99,016	D	
Common Stock					12,267	I	Spouse
Common Stock					1,672.377	I	401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A	50,000 A	\$ 0 128,764	I	Restricted Stock <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					50,916	I	GRAT

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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 <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock 5,840.9
Option <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 73.0625					12/31/2001 11/09/2009	Common Stock 15,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 50.5					03/06/2003 03/06/2010	Common Stock 24,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 50.5					03/06/2005 03/06/2010	Common Stock 16,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 51.125					12/31/2001 11/14/2010	Common Stock 15,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 51.125					11/14/2003 11/14/2010	Common Stock 35,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 64.57					12/31/2001 11/13/2011	Common Stock 15,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004 11/13/2011	Common Stock 60,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006 02/11/2013	Common Stock 100,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007 02/10/2014	Common Stock 100,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008 02/08/2015	Common Stock 60,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009 02/14/2016	Common Stock 100,000
Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010 02/13/2017	Common Stock 163,000

