

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**

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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)  
12/16/2010

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

ATLANTA, GA 30308

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

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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  | (D)  | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 128,581.65  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,267  | I  | Spouse                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,698.0856  | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/16/2010                           |  | A                              |   | \$ 62,913   | A  | D <sup>(2)</sup>                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 25,010.051  | I  | GRAT no. 2                                 |

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Common Stock 28,433.555 I GRAT no. 3

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>(3)</sup>         | <sup>(3)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Common Stock | 7,897.0815                 |
| Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>         | <sup>(4)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock | 110,961.168                |
| 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                    |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 64.58   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/12/2011   | 02/12/2018  | Common Stock | 250,000                    |

|                       |         |            |            |                 |         |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Option <sup>(6)</sup> | \$ 9.06 | 02/10/2012 | 02/10/2019 | Common<br>Stock | 250,000 |
|                       |         |            |            | Common<br>Stock |         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Raymond D. Fortin, Attorney-in-Fact for James M.  
Wells III

12/20/2010

        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.
- (2) Restricted stock granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 50,000 shares which vest on 02/10/2012 and 62,913 shares which vest on 12/16/2013.
- (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) Represents stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan paid as salary. The stock units will be settled in cash one half on March 31, 2011 and one half on March 31, 2012, unless settled earlier due to the executive's death.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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