

Panther Thomas E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Panther Thomas E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

303 PEACHTREE STREET

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Controller, CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | F                              | 2,019   | D \$ 22.03  | 23,626   | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/14/2012                           |  | A                              | 9,400   | A \$ 21.67  | 33,026   | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,070.4521   | I <sup>(2)</sup> 401(k)           |

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 | 960,158                    |
| Option <sup>(4)</sup>                      | \$ 54.28   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2006   | 02/11/2013  | Common Stock | 2,400                      |
| Option <sup>(4)</sup>                      | \$ 73.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/10/2007   | 02/10/2014  | Common Stock | 3,000                      |
| Option <sup>(4)</sup>                      | \$ 73.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/08/2008   | 02/08/2015  | Common Stock | 7,000                      |
| Option <sup>(5)</sup>                      | \$ 23.7  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/04/2013   | 01/04/2020  | Common Stock | 6,000                      |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 21.67   | 02/14/2012                           |  | A                              | 23,500  | <sup>(6)</sup>   | 02/13/2022  | Common Stock | 14,900                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| Panther Thomas E<br>303 PEACHTREE STREET<br>ATLANTA, GA 30303 |               |           | SVP, Controller, CAO |       |

## Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E.  
Panther

02/16/2012

\*\*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)

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Includes restricted stock granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 and 2009 Stock Plans which are subject to vesting conditions. The restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 5,810 shares which vest on 2/10/12; 3,690 shares which vest on 8/11/2012, 4,205 shares which vest on 2/9/2013; 4,500 shares which vest on 2/8/14; 1,157 shares of restricted stock which vest on 6/14/2014; and 9,400 shares which vest on 2/14/2015.

- (2) 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.
- (3) Phantom stock units acquired under the SunTrust Bank, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.
- (5) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. One third of the award vests each year for three years.

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