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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] À Breeden Frances L (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 303 PEACHTREE STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person ATLANTA, GAÂ 30308 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Corp. Executive Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 4,500 Common Stock 82.198 I 401(k) (1) Common Stock 19,343 Ι Resticted Stock (2) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Phantom Stock Units (3)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	285.639	\$ (3)	D	Â
Option (4)	11/09/2002	11/09/2009	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 73.06	D	Â
Option (5)	11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 51.13	D	Â
Option (5)	11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	2,400	\$ 64.57	D	Â
Option (5)	08/01/2005	08/01/2012	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 63.74	D	Â
Option (5)	02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 54.28	D	Â
Option (5)	02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 73.19	D	Â
Option (6)	02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 73.14	D	Â
Option (6)	02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 71.03	D	Â
Option (6)	02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 85.06	D	Â
Option (6)	02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	33,500	\$ 64.58	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Breeden Frances L 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308	Â	Â	Corp. Executive Vice President	Â

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Frances L. Breeden 12/22/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 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 16(b)-3.
- (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 pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (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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