

WELLS JAMES M III  
Form 4  
August 25, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31, 2005  
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

**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 \*  
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)  
08/21/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/21/2008                           |  | G                              | V 50,916 D ③  | 99,016  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,267  | I  | Spouse  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,331.148   | I  | 401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 78,764  | I  | Restricted Stock <sup>(2)</sup>                       |
| Common Stock                    | 08/21/2008                           |  | G                              | V 50,916 A ③  | 50,916  | I  | GRAT <sup>(3)</sup>                                   |

Edgar Filing: WELLS JAMES M III - Form 4

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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 currently valid OMB control number.**

SEC 1474  
(9-02)

**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>(4)</sup>         | <sup>(4)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock | 4,253.0385                 |
| Option                                     | \$ 76.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/31/2001   | 12/31/2008  | Common Stock | 90,000                     |
| Option <sup>(5)</sup>                      | \$ 73.0625   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/31/2001   | 11/09/2009  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 50.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/06/2003   | 03/06/2010  | Common Stock | 24,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 50.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/06/2005   | 03/06/2010  | Common Stock | 16,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 51.125  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/31/2001   | 11/14/2010  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 51.125  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2003   | 11/14/2010  | Common Stock | 35,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 64.57   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/31/2001   | 11/13/2011  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 64.57   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2004   | 11/13/2011  | Common Stock | 60,000                     |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 54.28   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2006   | 02/11/2013  | Common Stock | 100,000                    |
| Option <sup>(6)</sup>                      | \$ 73.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/10/2007   | 02/10/2014  | Common Stock | 100,000                    |
| Option <sup>(7)</sup>                      | \$ 73.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/08/2008   | 02/08/2015  |              | 60,000                     |

|                       |          |            |            | Common<br>Stock |         |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Option <sup>(7)</sup> | \$ 71.03 | 02/14/2009 | 02/14/2016 | Common<br>Stock | 100,000 |
| Option <sup>(7)</sup> | \$ 85.06 | 02/13/2010 | 02/13/2017 | Common<br>Stock | 163,000 |
| Option <sup>(7)</sup> | \$ 64.58 | 02/12/2011 | 02/12/2018 | Common<br>Stock | 250,000 |

## 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

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for James M.  
Wells III

08/25/2008

\_\_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 19,006 shares which vest on 2/14/2009 and 24,758 shares which vests on 2/13/2010.

(3) This transaction is a gift by the reporting person to a grantor retained annuity trust.

(4) 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.

(5) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.

(6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

(7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.