

Gillani Aleem  
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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 \*  
Gillani Aleem

(Last) (First) (Middle)

303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E.

(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)  
Corp. Exex. Vice Pres and CFO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 54,975  | D <u>(1)</u>   |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 300   | I  | Custodial Account <u>(2)</u>               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,300   | I  | Custodial Account <u>(3)</u>               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,500   | I  | Trust <u>(4)</u>                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,320.8498  | I  | 401(k) <u>(5)</u>                          |

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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 or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock                              | (6)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (6)  | (6)   | Common Stock | 977,469                    |
| Phantom Stock (7)                          | (7)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7)  | (7)   | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Option (8)                                 | \$ 23.7  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/14/2013   | 01/14/2020  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Option (8)                                 | \$ 32.27   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/08/2014   | 02/08/2021  | Common Stock | 19,300                     |
| Option (9)                                 | \$ 21.67   | 02/14/2012                           |  | A                              | 44,400  | (9)  | 02/14/2022  | Common Stock | 44,400                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Gillani Aleem<br>303 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E.<br>ATLANTA, GA 30303 |               |           | Corp. Exex. Vice Pres and CFO |       |

## Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Aleem Gillani  
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) Includes 9,255 shares of restricted stock which vest on August 11, 2012; 3,800 shares of restricted stock which vest on February 9, 2013, and 7,290 shares of restricted stock which vest on February 9, 2014.
- (2) Shares are held in a custodial account for the benefit of an adult family member over which account the reporting person has investment and voting control.
- (3) Shares are held in a custodial account for the benefit of a minor child of the reporting person over which account the reporting person has investment and voting control.
- (4) Shares are held in a family trust over which the reporting person has voting and investment control.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Acquired under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan. These convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.  
Reflects satisfaction of performance vesting condition (Tier 1 Capital) as of December 31, 2011 with respect to restricted stock units originally granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan on April 26, 2011. Grant was exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. Award remains subject to time-vesting criterion and will vest pro rata annually (i.e. one-third each year) and will vest post-retirement provided certain noncompetition and other restrictive covenants are performed.
- (7)
- (8) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan.
- (9) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. One third of the award vests each year for three years.

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