#### HOLDING FRANK B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad- HOLDING F	•	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
			INC /DE/ [FCNCA]	`			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
POST OFFICE BOX 1377			11/17/2008	below) below) Executive Vice Chairman			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CMITHELL	D NG 2757	7	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting			
SMITHFIELD, NC 27577				Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Dorder Com Committee Ann				

(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. 4. Secu TransactionAcquire Code Dispose (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3		4. Securities ransactiorAcquired (A) or ode Disposed of (D) nstr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		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)	
Class A Common Stock							382,953	D		
Class A Common Stock							240,836 (1)	I	By adult children and their spouses and children	
Class A Common Stock							26,430 (1)	I	By trust for adult children	
Class A Common							8,214 (2)	Ι	By Twin States Farming, Inc.	

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Stock			
Class A Common Stock	167,600 (2)	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	28,628 (2)	I	By Heritage BancShares, Inc. and subsidiary
Class A Common Stock	100,000 (2)	I	By Fidelity BancShares, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	46,699 (2)	I	By Southern BancShares(N.C.), Inc.
Class A Common Stock	46,000 (2)	I	By Southern Bank and Trust Company
Class A Common Stock	54,000 (2)	I	By Goshen, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	616 <u>(2)</u>	I	By E&F Properties, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	552,806 (1)	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class B Common Stock	45,900 (2)	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	22,619 (2)	I	By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class B Common Stock	6,175 <u>(1)</u>	I	By trust for adult children
Class B Common Stock	1,355 (2)	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	100 (2)	I	By E&F Properties, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	21,423	D	

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Class A Common Stock				861 (1)	I	By spouse
Class A Common Stock				1,215,700	I	By spouse GRAT
Class A Common Stock				177,912	I	By F. Holding GRAT
Class B Common 11/17/2008 Stock	P	131	A \$ 15	10,910 <u>(1)</u>	I	By spouse

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. Transa Code (Instr.		5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLDING FRANK B POST OFFICE BOX 1377 SMITHFIELD, NC 27577	X	X	Executive Vice Chairman	

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## **Signatures**

Frank B. Holding, By: William R. Lathan, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact

11/19/2008

\*\*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).
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the
- (1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.
- (2) The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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