WELLS JAMES M III

Form 4

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12/16/2010

December 20, 2010

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Form 5 obligatio may cont <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	ns Section 17(a	a) of the Public U	6(a) of the Securities Exchang fility Holding Company Act of a experiment Company Act of 196	f 1935 or Section	1		
(Print or Type I	Responses)						
1. Name and A WELLS JA	Address of Reporting I MES M III	Symbol	r Name and Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		SUNT	RUST BANKS INC [STI]	(Check	k all applicable	2)	
(Last)	(First) (M	fiddle) 3. Date o	400				
303 PEACH	ITREE STREET	(Month/I 12/16/2	Day/Year) 1010	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
	(Street)	4 If Am	andment Data Original				
	(Girect)		endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ATLANTA	, GA 30308			Form filed by M Person	ore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock				128,581.65	D		
Common Stock				12,267	I	Spouse	
Common Stock				1,698.0856	D (1)		

62,913 A \$ 25.86

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147,913

25,010.051

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercis	sable and	7. Title and A	Amount of
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (3)	<u>(3)</u>					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7,897.0815
Phantom Stock Units (4)	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	110,961.168
Option (5)	\$ 64.57					12/31/2001	11/13/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option (5)	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	60,000
Option (5)	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	100,000
Option (5)	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Option (6)	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	60,000
Option (6)	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	100,000
Option (6)	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	163,000
Option (6)	\$ 64.58					02/12/2011	02/12/2018		250,000

Common Stock

02/10/2012 02/10/2019

Common Stock

250,000

Reporting Owners

\$ 9.06

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WELLS JAMES M III 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308

Chairman, President and CEO

Signatures

Option (6)

Raymond D. Fortin, Attorney-in-Fact for James M. Wells III

12/20/2010

**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.
- Restricted stock granted under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features (2) allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 50,000 shares which vest on 02/10/2012 and 62,913 shares which vest on 12/16/2013.
- (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) Represents stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan paid as salary. The stock units will be settled in cash one half on March 31, 2011 and one half on March 31, 2012, unless settled earlier due to the executive's death.
- (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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