

SUNTRUST BANKS INC

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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
SHUFELDT R CHARLES	SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
303 PEACHTREE ST.	12/15/2003	Executive Vice President
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
ATLANTA, GA 30308		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		<input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/15/2003		M		650	A	\$51.125	8925	D	
Common Stock								7787	I	Spouse
Common Stock								3033.743	I	401(k) (1)
Common Stock								29810	I	Restricted Stock (2)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Phantom Stock Units	(3)						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	726.5542		726.5542	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(4)						(4)	(4)	Common Stock	19200		19200	D	
Option (5)	\$30.2500						8/8/1997	8/8/2005	Common Stock	3300		3300	D	
Option (5)	\$30.2500						8/8/1998	8/8/2005	Common Stock	3300		3300	D	
Option (5)	\$30.2500						8/8/1999	8/8/2005	Common Stock	3300		3300	D	
Option (5)	\$73.0625						11/9/2002	11/9/2009	Common Stock	5000		5000	D	
Option (6)	\$51.125	12/15/2003		M		650	11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	650	\$51.125	9350	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Option (6)	\$64.57							11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	10000				10000	D	
Option (6)	\$61.54							2/1/2005	2/1/2012	Common Stock	7000				7000	D	
Option (6)	\$54.28							2/11/2006	2/11/2013	Common Stock	12000				12000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (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 1986 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan, 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan and SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 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.
- (2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Granted in exchange for restricted stock. Will be paid out on various dates. These securities 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)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHUFELDT R CHARLES 303 PEACHTREE ST. ATLANTA, GA 30308			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

**Margaret Hodgson,
Attorney-in-Fact
for R. Charles Shufeldt**

12/16/2003

** Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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