

SUNTRUST BANKS INC
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 29, 2006

SunTrust Banks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-08918
(Commission
File Number)

58-1575035
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

303 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

30308
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 588-7711

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders

Upon the issuance of the 6.100% Trust Preferred Securities of SunTrust Capital VIII (the Trust Preferred Securities) and the related 6.100% Extendible Junior Subordinated Notes (the JSNs) on December 6, 2006 (the Transaction), the ability of SunTrust Banks, Inc. (the Company) to declare or pay dividends on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, shares of its common stock, its Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, its Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B or its Remarketable Junior Subordinated Notes due 2042 will be subject to certain restrictions in the event that deferrals of distributions or certain events of default with respect to the Trust Preferred Securities or the JSNs have occurred and are continuing. These restrictions are set forth in the Second Supplemental Indenture to be entered into in connection with the Transaction, a copy of which is attached to the Form 8-A filed by the Company on December 5, 2006 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) as Exhibit 4.4, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

In connection with the closing of the Transaction, the Company entered into a Replacement Capital Covenant (the RCC) on December 6, 2006. Under the RCC, the Company covenanted in favor of certain of its debtholders, who are initially the holders of the Initial Covered Debt (as defined in the RCC), that the Trust Preferred Securities and the JSNs will not be repaid, redeemed or purchased by the Company or any of its subsidiaries on or before the date that is 20 years prior to the Final Repayment Date (as defined in the RCC), unless (i) in the case of a redemption or purchase, the Company has obtained the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if such approval is then required under the Federal Reserve s capital guidelines or policies applicable to bank holding companies; and (ii) the principal amount repaid or the applicable redemption or purchase price does not exceed a maximum amount determined by reference to the aggregate amount of net cash proceeds the Company has received from the sale of common stock, rights to acquire common stock, mandatorily convertible preferred stock, debt exchangeable for equity, qualifying non-cumulative preferred stock, REIT preferred securities and certain qualifying capital securities since the later of (x) the date 180 days prior to delivery of notice of such repayment or redemption or the date of such purchase and (y) to the extent the JSNs are outstanding after the scheduled maturity date, the most recent date, if any, on which the Company or any of its subsidiaries repaid, redeemed or purchased, any JSNs or Trust Preferred Securities. The Initial Covered Debt is the Company s 6% Subordinated Notes due 2026, which have a CUSIP No. 867914AH6. The foregoing is a brief description of the terms of the RCC. It does not purport to be complete in all respects. This description is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the RCC, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Additional exhibits are filed herewith in connection with the offering, issuance and sale of the Trust Preferred Securities and JSNs under the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-137101).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated November 29, 2006, between the Company, SunTrust Capital VIII, Goldman, Sachs & Co., SunTrust Capital Markets, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as representatives of the several Underwriters named therein.
- 4.1 Indenture, dated October 25, 2006, between SunTrust Banks, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to SunTrust Banks, Inc. s Form 8-A filed on December 5, 2006.
- 4.2 Form of Second Supplemental Indenture to the Junior Subordinated Notes Indenture between SunTrust Banks, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, incorporated by reference Exhibit 4.4 to the Company s Form 8-A filed on December 5, 2006.
- 4.3 Form of Second Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, among SunTrust Banks, Inc., as Sponsor, U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Delaware Trustee, and the Administrative Trustees, incorporated by reference Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Form 8-A filed on December 5, 2006.
- 4.4 Form of Guarantee Agreement, between SunTrust Banks, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, incorporated by reference Exhibit 4.2 to the Company s Form 8-A filed on December 5, 2006.
- 4.5 Form of 6.100% Extendible Junior Subordinated Note (included in Exhibit 4.2).
- 4.6 Form of certificate representing the 6.100% Trust Preferred Securities (included in Exhibit 4.3).
- 4.7 Amended and Restated Certificate of Trust of SunTrust Capital VIII, dated as of August 29, 2006, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Company s Form 8-A filed on December 5, 2006.
- 8.1 Tax Opinion of King & Spalding LLP.
- 99.1 Replacement Capital Covenant.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SUNTRUST BANKS, INC.

Date: December 6, 2006

By: /s/ David A. Wisniewski
David A. Wisniewski
Group Vice President