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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ward Pierce Lynda

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

3003 TASMAN DRIVE

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

05/02/2006

Other (specify below) Head of HR

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Am Underlying Seco (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N of SI
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.38	05/02/2006		A	1,875	05/02/2007(1)	05/02/2013	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.38	05/02/2006		A	5,625	05/02/2007(1)	05/02/2013	Common Stock	4
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	05/02/2006		A	4,875	12/01/2007(2)	12/31/2007	Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ward Pierce Lynda							
3003 TASMAN DRIVE			Head of HR				
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054							

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: Lynda Ward
Pierce 05/04/2006

**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) Stock options were granted to the reporting person. Vesting will occur annually from the date of grant over 4 years with 25% vesting each year.
 - The reporting person was granted restricted stock units (RSUs) which are subject to performance-based vesting. The RSUs are effective as of 5/2/06, and will vest on 12/1/07, based on the level of return on average equity (ROE) achieved by the Company at December 31,
- (2) 2006 as follows: (i) if less than 90% of target, none will vest; (ii) if 90% but less than 100% of target 1,625 will vest; (iii) if 100% but less than 110% of target 3,250 will vest; and (iv) if 110% or greater of target 4,875 will vest. Vesting is subject to adjustment by the Compensation Committee as approved to take into account extraordinary items that may impact the calculation of ROE.

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