

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

June 10, 2010

*By U.S. Mail and facsimile to (404) 813-5440* 

Mark A. Chancy, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer SunTrust Banks Inc. 303 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30308

Re: SunTrust Banks Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2010

File No. 001-08918

Dear Mr. Chancy:

We have reviewed your response dated May 5, 2010 to our comment letter dated April 23, 2010. Please provide us with the following additional information:

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#### Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

<u>Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>

#### Non-Performing Assets, page 38

- 1. We note your response to prior comment six from our letter dated April 23, 2010. We believe the information provided in your response that quantifies the percentage of total troubled debt restructurings by concession type would be useful to investors. Please revise your future filings to disclose this information.
- 2. We note your response to prior comment eight from our letter dated April 23, 2010. In your response, you state that a de minimus number of commercial real estate loan

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modifications have constituted troubled debt restructurings because the overall revised terms of the modifications were not deemed concessionary and reflect current market terms. Please tell us and revise your future filings to:

- quantify the dollar amount of modified commercial real estate loans (and any other types of loans) not considered to be troubled debt restructurings; and
- describe the revised terms of the modifications and explain why they are not deemed concessionary and how they reflect current market terms.
- 3. We note your response to prior comment 10 from our letter dated April 23, 2010. We note that you proactively reached out to certain clients to renegotiate terms of their loans as a result of stress tests performed on your income producing portfolio. Please revise your future filings to discuss the triggers or factors you review to identify these loans in order to proactively offer assistance.
- 4. As a related matter, please tell us how you considered the guidance in ASC 470-60-15-8 when determining whether the aforementioned modified loans were troubled debt restructurings. Specifically, confirm to us that these modifications met the underwriting standards you used to issue new loans at current market rates.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Note 1- Significant Accounting Policies

#### Allowance for Loan Losses, page 88

- 5. We note your response to prior comment 13 from our letter dated April 23, 2010. Please tell us, and revise future filings to disclose the following regarding your appraisal process for collateral dependent loans:
  - Whether you make any adjustments to appraisals and why;
  - The type of appraisals, such as "retail value" or "as is value";
  - How partially charged-off loans measured for impairment based on the collateral value are classified and accounted for subsequent to receiving an updated appraisal. For example, disclose whether the loans are returned to performing status or whether they remain as nonperforming;
  - Describe the procedures performed between receipt of updated appraisals to ensure impairment of loans measured for impairment based on collateral value are measured appropriately;
  - Discuss how you determine the amount to charge-off; and
  - In situations where appraisals are not used to determine the fair value of the underlying collateral or where the appraisal has not been updated, discuss

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your processes and procedures for estimating the value of the collateral for those loans.

## Note 11- Certain Transfers of Financial Assets, Mortgage Servicing Rights and Variable Interest Entities, page 104

6. We note your response to prior comment 15 from our letter dated April 23, 2010. We are contemplating your response and may have further comments.

### Note 21- Contingencies, page 150

7. We note your response to prior comment 17 from our letter dated April 23, 2010. We note it is the opinion of management that liabilities arising from legal claims in excess of the amounts current accrued, if any, will not have a material impact to the Company's financial condition or results of operations. Please revise your future filings to state, if true, that there will be no material impact to the Company's cash flows.

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You may contact David Irving, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3321, or me at (202) 551-3474 if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Blume Assistant Chief Accountant