

SUNTRUST BANKS INC
Form 8-K
October 27, 2008

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):

October 27, 2008

SunTrust Banks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

001-08918

58-1575035

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

303 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia

30308

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(404) 558-7711

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 27, 2008, SunTrust Banks, Inc. issued a news release regarding its planned sale of \$3.5 billion in preferred stock to the U.S. Treasury and its separate announcement of a reduction in its dividend. The news release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Important Cautionary Statement About Forward-Looking Statements

The information in this report may contain forward-looking statements. Statements that do not describe historical or current facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These statements often include the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “intends,” “plans,” “targets,” “initiatives,” “potential,” “probably,” “projects,” “outlook” or similar expressions or future conditional verbs such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “would,” “could.” Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of management and on information currently available to management. The forward-looking statements are intended to be subject to the safe harbor provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such statements speak as of the date hereof, and we do not assume any obligation to update the statements made herein or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those contained in such statements in light of new information or future events. Forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Investors are cautioned against placing undue reliance on such statements. Actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Exhibit 99.3 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 23, 2008, and are incorporated by reference herein.

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SIGNATURES

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

SunTrust Banks, Inc.

October 27, 2008

By: /s/ David A. Wisniewski

Name: David A. Wisniewski

*Title: Group Vice President, Associate General Counsel and
Assistant Secretary*

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | News release dated October 27, 2008. |