

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Dent Mary

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3003 TASMAN DRIVE

(Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/29/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (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 | Number of Shares |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------|---|---------------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 48.76 | 04/29/2008 | A | 8,700 | | | 04/29/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | | 04/29/2015 | | Common Stock | 8 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 04/29/2008 | A ⁽²⁾ | 4,050 | | | 12/03/2010 | | 12/31/2010 | | Common Stock | 4 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Dent Mary 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | General Counsel | |

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: Mary J. Dent 05/01/2008

__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 4/29/08, and will vest on 12/3/2010, based on the level of return on average equity (ROE) as reported on the company's 2008 financial statements as follows: (i) none will vest if less than 90% of target ROE is achieved; (ii) 50% will vest if 90% but less than 100% of target ROE is achieved; (iii) 100% will vest if 100% but less than 110% of target ROE is achieved, and; and (iv) 150% of the award will vest if 110% or greater of target ROE is achieved. The reported number of shares on this form is based on achievement of 110% or greater of target. Vesting is also subject to the Company meeting certain expense control targets. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors will have the discretion to adjust the performance targets to take into account any extraordinary items.

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