

PORTER JAMES ROY
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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 *
PORTER JAMES ROY

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/29/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/29/2008 | | M | V | 3,340 | A | \$ 15.031 | 47,840 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/29/2008 | | S | | 3,340 | D | \$ 54.217 | 44,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/29/2008 | | M | | 8,660 | A | \$ 15.031 | 53,160 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 7,913 | I | By self restricted |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 15.032 | 07/29/2008 | | M | 3,340 | 08/04/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 08/04/2008 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 15.032 | 07/29/2008 | | M | 8,660 | 08/04/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 08/04/2008 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PORTER JAMES ROY 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | X | | |

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: James R. Porter 07/30/2008

__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) The option vests in two equal installments. The first, subject to re-election to the Board of Directors in April, 1999. The second upon re-election to the Board of Directors in April, 2000.

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