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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Jones David A

(First) (Middle)

3005 TASMAN DRIVE

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of (I) Transaction(s)

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

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(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 of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (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	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/27/2011		A(1)	6,000		12/20/2013	12/20/2013	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/27/2011		A(2)	2,000		04/27/2012	04/27/2015	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 60.37	04/27/2011		A(3)	10,000)	04/27/2012	04/27/2018	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Jones David A 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact

04/29/2011

**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).

The reporting person was granted performance-based restricted stock units which are subject to performance and time-based vesting (PRSUs). The extent to which the PRSU awards are earned will be based on the Company's 2011 performance, as determined pursuant to

- (1) the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The reported number of shares is the maximum number of shares that may be earned by the reporting person, based on achievement of 150% of target performance. The PRSUs are effective as of 4/27/2011, and the extent deemed earned at the end of the 2011 performance period, will vest on 12/20/2013, subject to continued service.
- (2) Restricted stock units vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.
- (3) Stock Options vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.

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