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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HART ALEX W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

3003 TASMAN DRIVE

05/12/2009

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount

Exercisable Date

or Number of

Shares

4,114

Restricted \$ 0 05/12/2009 A(1) 4,114 04/22/2010 12/31/2010 Common Stock Unit

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HART ALEX W 3003 TASMAN DRIVE X SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: Alex W.

Hart 05/14/2009

**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) Reporting person was granted restricted stock units that will vest at the end of their 2009-2010 term as a Director.

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