

VERISSIMO MARC J
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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 *
VERISSIMO MARC J

(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)
05/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2006 | | M | | 3,000 A \$ 8.938 | 12,945 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2006 | | S | | 3,000 D \$ 50 | 9,945 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | | M | | 2,000 A \$ 8.938 | 11,945 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | | S | | 2,000 D \$ 50.647 | 9,945 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 11,544 | I |

By self in 401k/ESOP

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.938 | 05/02/2006 | | M | | 3,000 | | 01/21/2000 | 01/21/2009 | Common Stock |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.938 | 05/03/2006 | | M | | 2,000 | | 01/21/2000 | 01/21/2009 | Common Stock |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 50.38 | 05/02/2006 | | A | | 1,984 | | 05/02/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/02/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 50.38 | 05/02/2006 | | A | | 8,016 | | 05/02/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/02/2013 | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 05/02/2006 | | A | | 6,375 | | 12/01/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 12/31/2007 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VERISSIMO MARC J 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | Chief Strategy Officer | |

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: Marc Verissimo

05/04/2006

__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 5/2/06, and will vest on 12/1/07, based on the level of return on average equity (ROE) achieved by the Company at December 31,

- (2) 2006 as follows: (i) if less than 90% of target, none will vest; (ii) if 90% but less than 100% of target 2,125 will vest; (iii) if 100% but less than 110% of target 4,250 will vest; and (iv) if 110% or greater of target 6,375 will vest. Vesting is subject to adjustment by the Compensation Committee as approved to take into account extraordinary items that may impact the calculation of ROE.

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