

Descheneaux Michael
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Descheneaux Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP, 3005
 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)

04/30/2013

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)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

___X___ 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	04/30/2013	A	8,250 (1)					12/20/2015	04/30/2020	Common Stock	8,250
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	04/30/2013	A	4,900 (2)					04/30/2014	04/30/2020	Common Stock	4,900
Stock Option	\$ 71.11	04/30/2013	A	17,300 (3)					04/30/2014	04/30/2020	Common Stock	17,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Descheneaux Michael SVB FINANCIAL GROUP 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Kamran Husain, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael Descheneaux 05/02/2013

____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).

Performance-based restricted stock units (PRSUs) are subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting. The extent to which the PRSU awards are earned will be based on the Company's 2013 performance and other considerations, as determined pursuant to the

(1) 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 the achievement of 150% of target performance. To the extent deemed earned at the end of the 2013 performance period, these PRSUs will be subject to additional time-based vesting and will vest on December 20, 2015.

(2) Restricted stock units are subject to annual vesting in equal installments on April 30, 2014, April 30, 2015, April 30, 2016, and April 30, 2017.

Stock options are subject to annual vesting in equal installments on April 30, 2014, April 30, 2015, April 30, 2016 and April 30, 2017.

(3) The exercise price of these stock options is determined based on the closing market price of SIVB common stock of \$71.11, as of April 30, 2013.

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