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(Mark One)

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006**

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number **0-2525**

**Huntington Bancshares Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**31-0724920**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**41 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**43287**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(614) 480-8300**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock Without Par Value**

(Title of class)

**NASDAQ**

(Name of exchange on which registered)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Exchange Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):  
Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act)  Yes  No

The aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2006, determined by using a per share closing price of \$23.58, as quoted by NASDAQ on that date, was

\$5,402,572,093. As of January 31, 2007, there were 235,506,423 shares of common stock without par value outstanding.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

Parts I and II of this Form 10-K incorporate by reference certain information from the registrant's Annual Report to shareholders for the period ended December 31, 2006.

Part III of this Form 10-K incorporates by reference certain information from the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2007 Annual Shareholders Meeting.

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**Huntington Bancshares Incorporated**

**PART I**

When we refer to we, our, and us in this report, we mean Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and our consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context indicates that we refer only to the parent company, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. When we refer to the Bank in this report, we mean The Huntington National Bank, our only bank subsidiary.

**Item 1: Business**

We are a multi-state diversified financial holding company organized under Maryland law in 1966 and headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Through our subsidiaries, we provide full-service commercial and consumer banking services, mortgage banking services, automobile financing, equipment leasing, investment management, trust services, brokerage services, private mortgage insurance, reinsuring credit life and disability insurance, and other insurance and financial products and services. The Bank, organized in 1866, is our only bank subsidiary. At December 31, 2006, the Bank had:

202 banking offices in Ohio	12 banking offices in Kentucky
112 banking offices in Michigan	4 private banking offices in Florida
26 banking offices in West Virginia	one foreign office in the Cayman Islands
25 banking offices in Indiana	one foreign office in Hong Kong

We conduct certain activities in other states including Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont. Our foreign banking activities, in total or with any individual country, are not significant. At December 31, 2006, we had 8,081 full-time equivalent employees.

Our lines of business are discussed in our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report to shareholders, which is incorporated into this report by reference. The financial statement results for each of our lines of business can be found in Note 27 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this report.

**Proposed Acquisition of Sky Financial Group, Inc.**

On December 20, 2006, Huntington announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire Sky Financial Group, Inc. (Sky Financial) in a stock and cash transaction expected to be valued at approximately \$3.5 billion.

Under the terms of the agreement, Sky Financial shareholders will receive 1.098 shares of Huntington common stock, on a tax-free basis, and a taxable cash payment of \$3.023 for each share of Sky Financial common stock. The merger was unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both companies and is expected to close in the third quarter of 2007, pending customary regulatory approvals, as well as approval by both companies' shareholders.

**Competition**

Competition is intense in most of our markets. We compete on price and service with other banks and financial services companies such as savings and loans, credit unions, finance companies, mortgage banking companies, insurance companies, and brokerage firms. Competition could intensify in the future as a result of industry consolidation, the increasing availability of products and services from non-banks, greater technological developments in the industry, and banking reform. For example, financial services reform legislation enacted in 1999 eliminated the long-standing Glass-Steagall Act restrictions on securities activities of bank holding companies and banks. That legislation, among other things, permits securities and insurance firms to engage in banking activities under specified conditions.

### **Regulatory Matters**

On March 1, 2005, we announced entering into a formal written agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (FRBC), providing for a comprehensive action plan designed to enhance corporate governance, internal audit, risk management, accounting policies and procedures, and financial and regulatory reporting. The agreement called for independent third-party reviews, as well as the submission of written plans and progress reports by Management, and would remain in effect until terminated by the banking regulators. On May 10, 2006, Huntington announced that the FRBC notified Huntington's board of directors that Huntington had satisfied the provisions of the written agreement dated February 28, 2005, and that the FRBC, under delegated authority of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve), had terminated the written agreement.

### ***General***

We are a bank holding company and are qualified as a financial holding company with the Federal Reserve. We are subject to examination and supervision by the Federal Reserve pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act. We are required to file reports and other information regarding our business operations and the business operations of our subsidiaries with the Federal Reserve.

Because we are a public company, we are also subject to regulation by the SEC. On December 15, 2005, the SEC adopted final rules establishing three categories of issuers for the purpose of filing periodic and annual reports. Under the new regulations, we are considered to be a large accelerated filer and, as such, must comply with the new SEC accelerated reporting requirements.

The Bank is subject to examination and supervision by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). Its domestic deposits are insured by the Bank Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which also has certain regulatory and supervisory authority over it. Our non-bank subsidiaries are also subject to examination and supervision by the Federal Reserve or, in the case of non-bank subsidiaries of the Bank, by the OCC. Our subsidiaries are also subject to examination by other federal and state agencies, including, in the case of certain securities and investment management activities, regulation by the SEC and the National Association of Securities Dealers.

In addition to the impact of federal and state regulation, the Bank and our non-bank subsidiaries are affected significantly by the actions of the Federal Reserve as it attempts to control the money supply and credit availability in order to influence the economy.

### ***Holding Company Structure***

We have one national bank subsidiary and numerous non-bank subsidiaries. Exhibit 21.1 of this report lists all of our subsidiaries.

The Bank is subject to affiliate transaction restrictions under federal laws, which limit the transfer of funds by a subsidiary bank to its parent or any non-bank subsidiary of its parent, whether in the form of loans, extensions of credit, investments, or asset purchases. Such transfers by a subsidiary bank are limited to:

10% of the subsidiary bank's capital and surplus for transfers to its parent corporation or to any individual non-bank subsidiary of the parent, and

an aggregate of 20% of the subsidiary bank's capital and surplus for transfers to such parent together with all such non-bank subsidiaries of the parent.

Furthermore, such loans and extensions of credit must be secured within specified amounts. In addition, all affiliate transactions must be conducted on terms and under circumstances that are substantially the same as such transactions with unaffiliated entities.

As a matter of policy, the Federal Reserve expects a bank holding company to act as a source of financial and managerial strength to each of its subsidiary banks and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary bank. Under this source of strength doctrine, the Federal Reserve may require a bank holding company to make capital injections into a troubled subsidiary bank. They may charge the bank holding company with engaging in

unsafe and unsound practices if they fail to commit resources to such a subsidiary bank. A capital injection may be required at times when the holding company does not have the resources to provide it.

Any loans by a holding company to a subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, the bankruptcy trustee will assume any commitment by the holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank. Moreover, the bankruptcy law provides that claims based on any such commitment will be entitled to a priority of payment over the claims of the institution's general unsecured creditors, including the holders of its note obligations.

Federal law permits the OCC to order the pro rata assessment of shareholders of a national bank whose capital stock has become impaired, by losses or otherwise, to relieve a deficiency in such national bank's capital stock. This statute also provides for the enforcement of any such pro rata assessment of shareholders of such national bank to cover such impairment of capital stock by sale, to the extent necessary, of the capital stock owned by any assessed shareholder failing to pay the assessment. As the sole shareholder of the Bank, we are subject to such provisions.

Moreover, the claims of a receiver of an insured depository institution for administrative expenses and the claims of holders of deposit liabilities of such an institution are accorded priority over the claims of general unsecured creditors of such an institution, including the holders of the institution's note obligations, in the event of liquidation or other resolution of such institution. Claims of a receiver for administrative expenses and claims of holders of deposit liabilities of the Bank, including the FDIC as the insurer of such holders, would receive priority over the holders of notes and other senior debt of the Bank in the event of liquidation or other resolution and over our interests as sole shareholder of the Bank.

The Federal Reserve maintains a bank holding company rating system that emphasizes risk management, introduces a framework for analyzing and rating financial factors, and provides a framework for assessing and rating the potential impact of non-depository entities of a holding company on its subsidiary depository institution(s).

A composite rating is assigned based on the foregoing three components, but a fourth component is also rated, reflecting generally the assessment of depository institution subsidiaries by their principal regulators. Ratings are made on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 highest) and, like current ratings, are not made public. The new rating system applies to us.

#### ***Dividend Restrictions***

Dividends from the Bank are the primary source of funds for payment of dividends to our shareholders. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we declared cash dividends to shareholders of \$239.4 million. There are, however, statutory limits on the amount of dividends that the Bank can pay to us without regulatory approval.

The Bank may not, without prior regulatory approval, pay a dividend in an amount greater than its undivided profits. In addition, the prior approval of the OCC is required for the payment of a dividend by a national bank if the total of all dividends declared in a calendar year would exceed the total of its net income for the year combined with its retained net income for the two preceding years. At December 31, 2006, the Bank could have declared and paid \$0.7 million of additional dividends to the parent company without regulatory approval.

If, in the opinion of the applicable regulatory authority, a bank under its jurisdiction is engaged in or is about to engage in an unsafe or unsound practice, such authority may require, after notice and hearing, that such bank cease and desist from such practice. Depending on the financial condition of the bank, the applicable regulatory authority might deem the bank to be engaged in an unsafe or unsound practice if the bank were to pay dividends. The Federal Reserve and the OCC have issued policy statements that provide that insured banks and bank holding companies should generally only pay dividends out of current operating earnings.

#### ***FDIC Insurance***

During 2006, the FDIC classified the Bank as a well-capitalized institution, the highest supervisory subcategory. The Bank, therefore, was not obliged under then-existing FDIC assessment practices to pay deposit insurance premiums for the year, either on its deposits insured by the Bank Insurance Fund or on that portion of its deposits acquired from savings and loan associations and insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund. The



Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund were merged on March 31, 2006, to form the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF). Although not subject in 2006 to FDIC assessments for deposit insurance premiums, the Bank was required, and continues to be required, to make payments for the servicing of obligations of the Financing Corporation that were issued in connection with the resolution of savings and loan associations, so long as such obligations remain outstanding.

With the enactment in February 2006 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 and related legislation, and the adoption by the FDIC of implementing regulations in November 2006, major changes were introduced in FDIC deposit insurance for 2007 and subsequent years. Henceforth, the FDIC is to designate annually a target reserve ratio for the DIF within the range of 1.15 percent and 1.5 percent, instead of the prior fixed requirement to manage the DIF so as to maintain a designated reserve ratio of 1.25 percent. The FDIC adopted 1.25 percent as the designated reserve ratio for 2007.

In addition, the FDIC adopted a new risk-based system for assessment of deposit insurance premiums on depository institutions, under which all such institutions would pay at least a minimum level of premiums. The new system is based on an institution's probability of causing a loss to the DIF, and requires that each depository institution be placed in one of four risk categories, depending on a combination of its capitalization and its supervisory ratings. Under a base rate schedule, institutions in Risk Category I would be assessed between 2 and 4 basis points, while institutions in Risk Category IV could be assessed a maximum of 40 basis points.

For 2007, the FDIC determined to set assessment rates at three basis points above the base schedule rates. To assist the transition to the new system requiring assessment payments by all insured institutions, depository institutions that were in existence on and paid deposit insurance assessments prior to December 31, 1996, are eligible for a one-time assessment credit based on their shares of the aggregate 1996 assessment base. We received a notification from the FDIC on October 16, 2006, that our one-time assessment credit was \$25.3 million. The Bank, as a well capitalized institution, will be in Risk Category I and, therefore, subject to an assessment of 5.65 basis points. We expect our annual FDIC expense to be \$15.9 million, which will initially be offset by the assessment credit.

#### ***Capital Requirements***

The Federal Reserve has issued risk-based capital ratio and leverage ratio guidelines for bank holding companies. The risk-based capital ratio guidelines establish a systematic analytical framework that:

makes regulatory capital requirements sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banking organizations,

takes off-balance sheet exposures into explicit account in assessing capital adequacy, and

minimizes disincentives to holding liquid, low-risk assets.

Under the guidelines and related policies, bank holding companies must maintain capital sufficient to meet both a risk-based asset ratio test and a leverage ratio test on a consolidated basis. The risk-based ratio is determined by allocating assets and specified off-balance sheet commitments into four weighted categories, with higher weighting assigned to categories perceived as representing greater risk. A bank holding company's risk-based ratio represents capital divided by total risk weighted assets. The leverage ratio is core capital divided by total assets adjusted as specified in the guidelines. The Bank is subject to substantially similar capital requirements.

Generally, under the applicable guidelines, a financial institution's capital is divided into two tiers. Institutions that must incorporate market risk exposure into their risk-based capital requirements may also have a third tier of capital in the form of restricted short-term subordinated debt. These tiers are:

Tier 1, or core capital, includes common equity, non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock (excluding auction rate issues), and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less both goodwill and, with certain limited exceptions, all other intangible assets. Bank holding companies, however, may include up to a limit of 25% of cumulative preferred stock in their Tier 1 capital.

Tier 2, or supplementary capital, includes, among other things, cumulative and limited-life preferred stock, hybrid capital instruments, mandatory convertible securities, qualifying subordinated debt, and the allowance for loan and lease losses, subject to certain limitations.

Total capital is Tier 1 plus Tier 2 capital.

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The Federal Reserve and the other federal banking regulators require that all intangible assets, except originated or purchased mortgage-servicing rights, non-mortgage servicing assets, and purchased credit card relationships, be deducted from Tier 1 capital. However, the total amount of these items included in a bank holding company's capital cannot exceed 100% of its Tier 1 capital.

Under the risk-based guidelines, financial institutions are required to maintain a risk-based ratio of 8%, with 4% being Tier 1 capital. The appropriate regulatory authority may set higher capital requirements when an institution's circumstances warrant.

Under the leverage guidelines, financial institutions are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 3%. The minimum ratio is applicable only to financial institutions that meet certain specified criteria, including excellent asset quality, high liquidity, low interest rate risk exposure, and the highest regulatory rating. Financial institutions not meeting these criteria are required to maintain a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4%.

Special minimum capital requirements apply to equity investments in nonfinancial companies. The requirements consist of a series of marginal capital charges that increase within a range from 8% to 25% as a financial institution's over-all exposure to equity investments increases as a percentage of its Tier 1 capital.

Failure to meet applicable capital guidelines could subject the financial institution to a variety of enforcement remedies available to the federal regulatory authorities. These include limitations on the ability to pay dividends, the issuance by the regulatory authority of a capital directive to increase capital, and the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC. In addition, the financial institution could be subject to the measures described below under Prompt Corrective Action as applicable to under-capitalized institutions.

The risk-based capital standards of the Federal Reserve, the OCC, and the FDIC specify that evaluations by the banking agencies of a bank's capital adequacy will include an assessment of the exposure to declines in the economic value of the bank's capital due to changes in interest rates. These banking agencies issued a joint policy statement on interest rate risk describing prudent methods for monitoring such risk that rely principally on internal measures of exposure and active oversight of risk management activities by senior management.

#### ***Prompt Corrective Action***

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, known as FDICIA, requires federal banking regulatory authorities to take prompt corrective action with respect to depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. For these purposes, FDICIA establishes five capital tiers: well-capitalized, adequately-capitalized, under-capitalized, significantly under-capitalized, and critically under-capitalized.

An institution is deemed to be:

well-capitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% or greater, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6% or greater, and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 5% or greater and is not subject to a regulatory order, agreement, or directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure;

adequately-capitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 8% or greater, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 4% or greater, and, generally, a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4% or greater and the institution does not meet the definition of a well-capitalized institution;

under-capitalized if it does not meet one or more of the adequately-capitalized tests;

significantly under-capitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than 6%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio that is less than 3%, or a Tier 1 leverage ratio that is less than 3%; and

critically under-capitalized if it has a ratio of tangible equity, as defined in the regulations, to total assets that is equal to or less than 2%.

Throughout 2006, our regulatory capital ratios and those of the Bank were in excess of the levels established for well-capitalized institutions.

FDICIA generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distribution, including payment of a cash dividend or paying any management fee to its holding company, if the depository institution would be under-capitalized after such payment. Under-capitalized institutions are subject to growth limitations and are required

by the appropriate federal banking agency to submit a capital restoration plan. If any depository institution subsidiary of a holding company is required to submit a capital restoration plan, the holding company

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would be required to provide a limited guarantee regarding compliance with the plan as a condition of approval of such plan.

If an under-capitalized institution fails to submit an acceptable plan, it is treated as if it is significantly under-capitalized. Significantly undercapitalized institutions may be subject to a number of requirements and restrictions, including orders to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately-capitalized, requirements to reduce total assets, and cessation of receipt of deposits from correspondent banks.

Critically under-capitalized institutions may not, beginning 60 days after becoming critically under-capitalized, make any payment of principal or interest on their subordinated debt. In addition, critically under-capitalized institutions are subject to appointment of a receiver or conservator within 90 days of becoming so classified.

Under FDICIA, a depository institution that is not well-capitalized is generally prohibited from accepting brokered deposits and offering interest rates on deposits higher than the prevailing rate in its market. As previously stated, the Bank is well-capitalized and the FDICIA brokered deposit rule did not adversely affect its ability to accept brokered deposits. The Bank had \$0.7 billion of such brokered deposits at December 31, 2006.

#### ***Financial Holding Company Status***

In order to maintain its status as a financial holding company, a bank holding company's depository subsidiaries must all be both well capitalized and well managed, and must meet their Community Reinvestment Act obligations.

Financial holding company powers relate to financial activities that are determined by the Federal Reserve, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, to be financial in nature, incidental to an activity that is financial in nature, or complementary to a financial activity, provided that the complementary activity does not pose a safety and soundness risk. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act designates certain activities as financial in nature, including:

underwriting insurance or annuities;

providing financial or investment advice;

underwriting, dealing in, or making markets in securities;

merchant banking, subject to significant limitations;

insurance company portfolio investing, subject to significant limitations; and

any activities previously found by the Federal Reserve to be closely related to banking.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act also authorizes the Federal Reserve, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, to determine that additional activities are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature.

We are required by the Bank Holding Company Act to obtain Federal Reserve approval prior to acquiring, directly or indirectly, ownership or control of voting shares of any bank, if, after such acquisition, we would own or control more than 5% of its voting stock. However, as a financial holding company, we may commence any new financial activity, except for the acquisition of a savings association, with notice to the Federal Reserve within 30 days after the commencement of the new financial activity.

#### ***USA Patriot Act***

The USA Patriot Act of 2001 and its related regulations require insured depository institutions, broker-dealers, and certain other financial institutions to have policies, procedures, and controls to detect, prevent, and report money laundering and terrorist financing. The statute and its regulations also provide for information sharing, subject to conditions, between federal law enforcement agencies and financial institutions, as well as among financial institutions, for counter-terrorism purposes. Federal banking regulators are required, when reviewing bank holding company acquisition and bank merger applications, to take into account the effectiveness of the anti-money laundering activities of the applicants. Originally enacted for five years, the USA Patriot Act was signed into law as permanent legislation in March 2006.



***Customer Privacy and Other Consumer Protections***

Pursuant to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, we, like all other financial institutions, are required to: provide notice to our customers regarding privacy policies and practices,

inform our customers regarding the conditions under which their non-public personal information may be disclosed to non-affiliated third parties, and

give our customers an option to prevent disclosure of such information to non-affiliated third parties.

Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, our customers may also opt out of information sharing between and among us and our affiliates. We are also subject, in connection with our lending and leasing activities, to numerous federal and state laws aimed at protecting consumers, including the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Truth in Lending Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

***Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002***

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 imposed new or revised corporate governance, accounting, and reporting requirements on us and all other companies having securities registered with the SEC. In addition to a requirement that chief executive officers and chief financial officers certify financial statements in writing, the statute imposed requirements affecting, among other matters, the composition and activities of audit committees, disclosures relating to corporate insiders and insider transactions, codes of ethics, and the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

***Recent Regulatory Developments***

Authority for financial holding companies to engage in real estate brokerage and property management services was proposed by the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve in 2000, but final regulations implementing the proposal have been subject to a statutory moratorium which has been renewed annually by Congress since 2001. Legislation was introduced early in 2007 to ban such activity permanently, and it is not possible at present to assess the prospects either for the permanent ban or the ultimate adoption of the long-pending final regulations.

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's Basel II regulatory capital guidelines, published in June 2004 and amended in November 2005, are designed to promote improved risk measurement and management processes and better align minimum capital requirements with risk. The Basel II guidelines would, however, be mandatory only for core banks, i.e., banks with consolidated total assets of \$250 billion or more. They would, therefore, not foreseeably be applicable to the Bank, which continues to operate under U.S. risk-based capital guidelines consistent with Basel I guidelines published in 1988.

U.S. banking regulators, however, in December 2006, issued proposed rules involving modifications to the existing U.S. Basel I-based capital framework. The proposed rules, designated as Basel IA rules, are intended to avoid future competitive inequalities between Basel I and Basel II organizations, and would, if finally adopted, allow U.S. depository institutions to elect to remain under existing capital rules or come under the Basel IA rules. The proposed rules include:

increasing the number of risk-weight categories,

expanding the use of external ratings for credit risk,

expanding the range of collateral and guarantors to qualify for a lower risk weight, and

basing residential mortgage risk ratings on loan-to-value ratios.

The public comment period for the proposed Basel IA rules (as well as on additional questions raised by regulators on a pending rulemaking on Basel II rules) ends in March 2007, and final rules are not expected until late in the year.

### **Guide 3 Information**

Information required by Industry Guide 3 relating to statistical disclosure by bank holding companies is contained in the information incorporated by reference in response to Items 7 and 8 of this report.

### **Available Information**

We make available free of charge on our internet website, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports have been electronically filed or submitted to the SEC. These filings can be accessed under the Investor Relations link found on the homepage of our website at [www.huntington.com](http://www.huntington.com). These filings are also accessible on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The public may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

### **Item 1A: Risk Factors**

Like other financial companies, we are subject to a number of risks, many of which are outside of our direct control, though efforts are made to manage those risks while optimizing returns. Among the risks assumed are: (1) credit risk, which is the risk that loan and lease customers or other counterparties will be unable to perform their contractual obligations, (2) market risk, which is the risk that changes in market rates and prices will adversely affect our financial condition or results of operation, (3) liquidity risk, which is the risk that the parent company and/or the Bank will have insufficient cash or access to cash to meet its operating needs, and (4) operational risk, which is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or external events.

In addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference into this report, readers should carefully consider that the following important factors, among others, could materially impact our business, future results of operations, and future cash flows.

#### ***(1) Credit Risks:***

**We extend credit to a variety of customers based on internally set standards and judgment. We manage the credit risk through a program of underwriting standards, the review of certain credit decisions, and an on-going process of assessment of the quality of the credit already extended. Our credit standards and on-going process of credit assessment might not protect us from significant credit losses.**

We take credit risk by virtue of making loans and leases, purchasing non-governmental securities, extending loan commitments and letters of credit, and being counterparties to off-balance sheet financial instruments such as interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives.

Our exposure to credit risk is managed through the use of consistent underwriting standards that emphasize in-market lending while avoiding highly leveraged transactions as well as excessive industry and other concentrations. Our credit administration function employs risk management techniques to ensure that loans and leases adhere to corporate policy and problem loans and leases are promptly identified. These procedures provide us with the information necessary to implement policy adjustments where necessary, and to take proactive corrective actions.

For further discussion about our management of credit risk, see the Credit Risk section included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

**Our loans, leases, and deposits are focused in five states and adverse economic conditions in those states, in particular, could negatively impact results from operations, cash flows, and financial condition.**

Concentration of credit risk can also arise with respect to loans and leases when the borrowers are located in the same geographical region. Our customers with loan and/or deposit balances at December 31, 2006, were



located predominantly in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana, and Kentucky. Because of the concentration of loans, leases, and deposits in these states, in the event of adverse economic conditions in these states, we could experience more difficulty in attracting deposits and experience higher rates of loss and delinquency on our loans and leases than if the loans and leases were more geographically diversified. Adverse economic conditions and other factors, such as political or business developments or natural hazards that may affect these states, may reduce demand for credit or fee-based products and could negatively affect real estate and other collateral values, interest rate levels, and the availability of credit to refinance loans at or prior to maturity.

**Declines in home values in our markets could adversely impact results from operations.**

Like all banks, we are subject to the effects of any economic downturn, and in particular, a significant decline in home values in our markets could have a negative effect on results of operations. At December 31, 2006, we had \$4.9 billion of home equity loans and lines with a weighted average loan-to-value ratio for the portfolio of 77%. In addition, at December 31, 2006, we had \$4.5 billion in residential real estate loans. Adjustable-rate mortgages, primarily mortgages that have a fixed rate for the first 3 to 5 years and then adjust annually, comprised 54% of this portfolio. A significant decline in home values could lead to higher charge-offs in event of default in both the home equity loan and residential real estate loan portfolios. We also have \$1.3 billion of mortgage-backed securities that could be negatively affected by a decline in home values.

**(2) Market Risks:**

**Changes in interest rates could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.**

Our results of operations depend substantially on net interest income, which is the difference between interest earned on interest-earning assets (such as investments, loans, and direct financing leases) and interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities (such as deposits and borrowings). Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary policies and domestic and international economic and political conditions. Conditions such as inflation, recession, unemployment, money supply, and other factors beyond our control may also affect interest rates. If our interest-earning assets mature or reprice more quickly than interest-bearing liabilities in a declining interest rate environment, net interest income could be adversely impacted. Likewise, if interest-bearing liabilities mature or reprice more quickly than interest-earnings assets in a rising interest rate environment, net interest income could be adversely impacted.

Changes in interest rates also can affect the value of loans and other assets, including retained interests in securitizations, mortgage and non-mortgage servicing rights, and our ability to realize gains on the sale of assets. A portion of our earnings result from transactional income. An example of this type of transactional income is gain on sales of loans and other real estate owned. This type of income can vary significantly from quarter-to-quarter and year-to-year based on a number of different factors, including the interest rate environment. An increase in interest rates that adversely affects the ability of borrowers to pay the principal or interest on loans and leases may lead to an increase in non-performing assets and a reduction of income recognized, which could have a material, adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows. For further discussion, see Note 5 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

Although fluctuations in market interest rates are neither completely predictable nor controllable, our Market Risk Committee (MRC) meets periodically to monitor our interest rate sensitivity position and oversee our financial risk management by establishing policies and operating limits. For further discussion, see the Interest Rate Risk section included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

**(3) Liquidity Risks:**

**If we are unable to borrow funds through access to capital markets, we may not be able to meet the cash flow requirements of our depositors and borrowers, or meet the operating cash needs to fund corporate expansion and other activities.**

Liquidity is the ability to meet cash flow needs on a timely basis at a reasonable cost. The liquidity of the Bank is used to make loans and leases and to repay deposit liabilities as they become due or are demanded by customers. Liquidity policies and limits are established by the board of directors, with operating limits set by MRC, based upon

the ratio of loans to deposits and percentage of assets funded with non-core or wholesale funding. The Bank's MRC regularly monitors the overall liquidity position of the Bank and the parent company to ensure that

various alternative strategies exist to cover unanticipated events that could affect liquidity. MRC also establishes policies and monitors guidelines to diversify the Bank's wholesale funding sources to avoid concentrations in any one market source. Wholesale funding sources include Federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements, non-core deposits, and medium- and long-term debt, which includes a domestic bank note program and a Euronote program. The Bank is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio (FHLB), which provide funding through advances to members that are collateralized with mortgage-related assets.

We maintain a portfolio of securities that can be used as a secondary source of liquidity. There are other sources of liquidity available to us should they be needed. These sources include the sale or securitization of loans, the ability to acquire additional national market, non-core deposits, the issuance of additional collateralized borrowings such as FHLB advances, the issuance of debt securities, and the issuance of preferred or common securities in public or private transactions. The Bank also can borrow from the Federal Reserve's discount window.

If we were unable to access any of these funding sources when needed, we might be unable to meet customers needs, which could adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and level of regulatory-qualifying capital. For further discussion, see the Liquidity Risk section included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

**If our credit ratings were downgraded, the ability to access funding sources may be negatively impacted or eliminated, and our liquidity and the market price of our common stock could be adversely impacted.**

Credit ratings by the three major credit rating agencies are an important component of our liquidity profile. Among other factors, the credit ratings are based on the financial strength, credit quality and concentrations in the loan portfolio, the level and volatility of earnings, capital adequacy, the quality of Management, the liquidity of the balance sheet, the availability of a significant base of core retail and commercial deposits, and the ability to access a broad array of wholesale funding sources. Adverse changes in these factors could result in a negative change in credit ratings and impact not only the ability to raise funds in the capital markets, but also the cost of these funds. In addition, certain financial on- and off-balance sheet arrangements contain credit rating triggers that could increase funding needs should a negative rating change occur. Letter of credit commitments for marketable securities, interest rate swap collateral agreements, and certain asset securitization transactions contain credit rating provisions.

Credit ratings as of December 31, 2006, for the parent company and the Bank can be found in Table 27 included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

We rely on certain funding sources such as large corporate deposits, public fund deposits, federal funds, Euro deposits, FHLB advances, and bank notes. Although not contractually tied to credit ratings, our ability to access these funding sources may be impacted by negative changes in credit ratings. In the case of public funds or FHLB advances, a credit downgrade may also trigger a requirement that we pledge additional collateral against outstanding borrowings. Credit rating downgrades could result in a loss of equity investor confidence.

**We have authorized the use of a substantial amount of our cash for the repurchase of our shares, and this use of funds may limit our ability to complete other transactions or to pursue other business initiatives.**

In April 2006, our board of directors authorized a new program for the repurchase of up to 15 million common shares, of which 3.8 million shares remain under the current authorization. We expect to repurchase the remaining shares for cash as business conditions warrant. The full implementation of this repurchase program will use a significant portion of our capital reserves. This use of capital could limit future flexibility to complete acquisitions of businesses or technology, or other transactions, or make investments in research and development, new employee hiring, or other aspects of operations that might be in our best interests, or could require that we borrow money or issue additional equity securities for such purposes. Any incurrence of debt may not be on favorable terms and could result in our being subject to covenants or other contractual restrictions that limit the ability to take advantage of other opportunities that may arise. Any such incurrence of debt would likely increase our interest expense, and any issuance of additional equity securities would dilute the stock ownership of existing shareholders.

**(4) Operational Risks:**

**We have significant competition in both attracting and retaining deposits and in originating loans and leases.**

Competition is intense in most of our markets. We compete on price and service with other banks and financial services companies such as savings and loans, credit unions, finance companies, mortgage banking

companies, insurance companies, and brokerage firms. Competition could intensify in the future as a result of industry consolidation, the increasing availability of products and services from non-banks, greater technological developments in the industry, and banking reform.

**In the normal course of business, we process large volumes of transactions. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue processing at the same or higher levels of transactions. If systems of internal control should fail to work as expected, if systems are used in an unauthorized manner, or if employees subvert the system of internal controls, significant losses could result.**

We process large volumes of transactions on a daily basis and are exposed to numerous types of operational risk. Operational risk resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, and systems includes the risk of fraud by persons inside or outside the company, the execution of unauthorized transactions by employees, errors relating to transaction processing and systems, and breaches of the internal control system and compliance requirements. This risk of loss also includes the potential legal actions that could arise as a result of the operational deficiency or as a result of noncompliance with applicable regulatory standards.

We establish and maintain systems of internal operational controls that provide us with timely and accurate information about our level of operational risk. While not foolproof, these systems have been designed to manage operational risk at appropriate, cost-effective levels. Procedures exist that are designed to ensure that policies relating to conduct, ethics, and business practices are followed. From time to time, losses from operational risk may occur, including the effects of operational errors. Such losses are recorded as non-interest expense.

While we continually monitor and improve the system of internal controls, data processing systems, and corporate-wide processes and procedures, there can be no assurance that future losses will not occur.

**We may fail to realize the anticipated cost savings and other financial benefits of the merger on the anticipated schedule, if at all.**

We may face significant challenges in integrating Sky Financial's operations in our operations in a timely and efficient manner and in retaining Sky Financial personnel. Currently, each company operates as an independent public company. Achieving the anticipated cost savings and financial benefits of the merger will depend in part on whether we integrate Sky Financial's businesses in an efficient and effective manner. We may not be able to accomplish this integration process smoothly or successfully. In addition, the integration of certain operations following the merger will require the dedication of significant management resources, which may temporarily distract management's attention from the day-to-day business of the combined company. Any inability to realize the full extent of, or any of, the anticipated cost savings and financial benefits of the merger, as well as any delays encountered in the integration process, could have an adverse effect on the business and results of operations of the combined company, which may affect the market price of Huntington common stock.

**An extended disruption of vital infrastructure could negatively impact our business, results of operations, and financial condition.**

Our operations depend upon, among other things, our infrastructure, including equipment and facilities. Extended disruption of vital infrastructure by fire, power loss, natural disaster, telecommunications failure, computer hacking or viruses, terrorist activity or the domestic and foreign response to such activity, or other events outside of our control could have a material adverse impact on the financial services industry as a whole and on our business, results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition in particular. Our business recovery plan may not work as intended or may not prevent significant interruptions of our operations.

**New or changes in existing tax, accounting, and regulatory rules and interpretations could significantly impact strategic initiatives, results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.**

The financial services industry is extensively regulated. Federal and state banking regulations are designed primarily to protect the deposit insurance funds and consumers, not to benefit a financial company's shareholders. These regulations may sometimes impose significant limitations on operations. The significant federal and state banking regulations that affect us are described in this report under the heading Regulatory Matters. These regulations, along with the currently existing tax, accounting, securities, insurance, and monetary laws, regulations,

rules, standards, policies, and interpretations control the methods by which financial institutions conduct business, implement strategic initiatives and tax compliance, and govern financial reporting and disclosures. These laws, regulations, rules, standards, policies, and interpretations are constantly evolving and may change significantly over time.

In addition, we may be subject to actions of our regulators that are specific to us. For further discussion, see Note 25 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

Events that may not have a direct impact on us, such as the bankruptcy of major U.S. companies, have resulted in legislators, regulators, and authoritative bodies, such as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and various taxing authorities responding by adopting and/or proposing substantive revisions to laws, regulations, rules, standards, policies, and interpretations. International capital standards developed in the framework of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision may also affect the competitive environment for United States banks.

The nature, extent, and timing of the adoption of significant new laws and regulations, or changes in or repeal of existing laws and regulations, or specific actions of regulators, may have a material impact on our business and results of operations; however, it is impossible to predict at this time the extent of any impact from these items.

**Non-compliance with USA Patriot Act, Bank Secrecy Act, or other laws and regulations could result in fines or sanctions.**

The USA Patriot and Bank Secrecy Acts require financial institutions to develop programs to prevent financial institutions from being used for money laundering and terrorist activities. If such activities are detected, financial institutions are obligated to file suspicious activity reports with the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. These rules require financial institutions to establish procedures for identifying and verifying the identity of customers seeking to open new financial accounts. Failure to comply with these regulations could result in fines or sanctions. During the last year, several banking institutions have received large fines for non-compliance with these laws and regulations. We have developed policies and procedures designed to assist in compliance with these laws and regulations.

**The OCC may impose dividend payment and other restrictions on the Bank, which would impact our ability to pay dividends to shareholders or repurchase stock.**

The OCC is the primary regulatory agency that examines the Bank, its subsidiaries, and their respective activities. Under certain circumstances, including any determination that the activities of the Bank or its subsidiaries constitute an unsafe and unsound banking practice, the OCC has the authority by statute to restrict the Bank's ability to transfer assets, make shareholder distributions, and redeem preferred securities.

Under applicable statutes and regulations, dividends by a national bank may be paid out of current or retained net profits, but a national bank is prohibited from declaring a cash dividend on shares of its common stock out of net profits until the surplus fund equals the amount of capital stock or, if the surplus fund does not equal the amount of capital stock, until certain amounts from net profits are transferred to the surplus fund. Moreover, the prior approval of the OCC is required for the payment of a dividend if the total of all dividends declared by a national bank in any calendar year would exceed the total of its net profits for the year combined with its net profits for the two preceding years, less any required transfers to surplus or a fund for the retirement of any preferred securities.

Payment of dividends could also be subject to regulatory limitations if the Bank became under-capitalized for purposes of the OCC prompt corrective action regulations. Under-capitalized is currently defined as having a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 8.0%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of less than 4.0%, or a core capital, or leverage, ratio of less than 4.0%. If the Bank were unable to pay dividends to the parent company, it would impact our ability to pay dividends to shareholders or repurchase stock. Throughout 2006, the Bank was in compliance with all regulatory capital requirements and considered to be well-capitalized.

For further discussion, see the Parent Company Liquidity section included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

**The Federal Reserve Board may require us to commit capital resources to support the Bank.**

The Federal Reserve, which examines us and our non-bank subsidiaries, has a policy stating that a bank holding company is expected to act as a source of financial and managerial strength to a subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support such subsidiary bank. Under the source of strength doctrine, the Federal Reserve may require a bank holding company to make capital injections into a troubled subsidiary bank, and may charge the bank holding company with engaging in unsafe and unsound practices for failure to commit resources to such a subsidiary bank. A capital injection may be required at times when the holding company may not have the resources to provide it, and therefore may be required to borrow the funds. Any loans by a holding company to its subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, the bankruptcy trustee will assume any commitment by the holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank. Moreover, the bankruptcy law provides that claims based on any such commitment will be entitled to a priority of payment over the claims of the institution's general unsecured creditors, including the holders of its note obligations. Thus, any borrowing that must be done by the holding company in order to make the required capital injection becomes more difficult and expensive and will adversely impact the holding company's results of operations and cash flows.

**If any of our Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) affiliates fail to qualify as a REIT, we may be subject to a higher consolidated effective tax rate.**

Huntington Preferred Capital, Inc. (HPCI), Huntington Preferred Capital II, Inc. (HPC-II) and Huntington Capital Financing, LLC (HCF) operate as REITs for federal income tax purposes. HPCI, HPC-II, and HCF are consolidated holding company subsidiaries established to acquire, hold, and manage mortgage assets and other authorized investments to generate net income for distribution to their shareholders.

Qualification as a REIT involves application of specific provisions of the Internal Revenue Code relating to various asset tests. A REIT must satisfy six asset tests quarterly: (1) 75% of the value of the REIT's total assets must consist of real estate assets, cash and cash items, and government securities; (2) not more than 25% of the value of the REIT's total assets may consist of securities, other than those includible under the 75% test; (3) not more than 5% of the value of its total assets may consist of securities of any one issuer, other than those securities includible under the 75% test or securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries; (4) not more than 10% of the outstanding voting power of any one issuer may be held, other than those securities includible under the 75% test or securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries; (5) not more than 10% of the total value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer may be held, other than those securities includible under the 75% test or securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries; and (6) a REIT cannot own securities in one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries which comprise more than 20% of its total assets. At December 31, 2006, HPCI, HPC-II, and HCF met all of the quarterly asset tests.

Also, a REIT must annually satisfy two gross income tests: (1) 75% of its gross income must be from qualifying income closely connected with real estate activities; and (2) 95% of its gross income must be derived from sources qualifying for the 75% test plus dividends, interest, and gains from the sale of securities. In addition, a REIT must distribute 90% of the REIT's taxable income for the taxable year, excluding any net capital gains, to maintain its non-taxable status for federal income tax purposes. For 2006, HPCI, HPC-II, and HCF had met all annual income and distribution tests.

If any of these REIT affiliates fail to meet any of the required provisions for REITs, they could no longer qualify as a REIT and the resulting tax consequences would increase our effective tax rate.

**We could be held responsible for environmental liabilities of properties acquired through foreclosure of loans secured by real estate.**

In the event we foreclose on a defaulted commercial mortgage and/or residential mortgage loan to recover our investment, we may be subject to environmental liabilities in connection with the underlying real property, which could exceed the value of the real property. Although we exercise due diligence to discover potential environmental liabilities prior to acquiring any property through foreclosure, hazardous substances or wastes, contaminants, pollutants, or their sources may be discovered on properties during our ownership or after a sale to a third party. There can be no assurance that we would not incur full recourse liability for the entire cost of any removal and clean-up on an acquired property, that the cost of removal and clean-up would not exceed the value of the property, or that we

could recover any of the costs from any third party.



**Item 1B: Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

**Item 2: Properties**

Our headquarters, as well as the Bank's, are located in the Huntington Center, a thirty-seven-story office building located in Columbus, Ohio. Of the building's total office space available, we lease approximately 39%. The lease term expires in 2015, with nine five-year renewal options for up to 45 years but with no purchase option. The Bank has an indirect minority equity interest of 18.4% in the building. Our other major properties consist of a thirteen-story and a twelve-story office building, both of which are located adjacent to the Huntington Center; a twenty-one story office building, known as the Huntington Building, located in Cleveland, Ohio; an eighteen-story office building in Charleston, West Virginia; a three-story office building located in Holland, Michigan; a Business Service Center in Columbus, Ohio; The Huntington Mortgage Group's building, located in the greater Columbus area; an office complex located in Troy, Michigan; and two data processing and operations centers (Easton and Northland) located in Ohio. The office buildings above serve as regional administrative offices occupied predominantly by our Regional Banking and Private Financial and Capital Markets Group lines of business. The Dealer Sales line of business is located in the Northland operations center. Of these properties, we own the thirteen-story and twelve-story office buildings, and the Business Service Center. All of the other major properties are held under long-term leases. In 1998, we entered into a sale/leaseback agreement that included the sale of 51 of our locations. The transaction included a mix of branch banking offices, regional offices, and operational facilities, including certain properties described above, which we will continue to operate under a long-term lease.

**Item 3: Legal Proceedings**

The Bank is involved in two lawsuits arising out of its banking relationship with Cyberco Holdings, Inc. and a related company, Teleservices Group, Inc. Both companies are subject to bankruptcy estates in December 2006 and January 2007, respectively. The complaints include claims under the Bankruptcy Code and various state law claims and seek recoveries from the Bank in excess of \$50 million. Although no assurance can be made that the ultimate outcome of any matter will not exceed reserves or not have a material adverse affect on operating results for a particular period, based on current knowledge and consultation with counsel, Management believes that its reserves are adequate and that its exposure to additional losses arising from these lawsuits is not material.

Information required by this item is set forth in Note 24 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

**Item 4: Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Not Applicable.

**PART II**

**Item 5: Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

The common stock of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol HBAN. The stock is listed as HuntgBcshr or HuntBanc in most newspapers. As of January 31, 2007, we had 26,176 shareholders of record.

Information regarding the high and low sale prices of our common stock and cash dividends declared on such shares, as required by this item, is set forth in Table 38 entitled Quarterly Stock Summary, Key Ratios and Statistics, and Capital Data included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference. Information regarding restrictions on dividends, as required by this item, is set forth in Item 1 Business-Regulatory Matters-Dividend Restrictions and in Note 25 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

The line graph below compares the yearly percentage change in cumulative total shareholder return on Huntington common stock and the cumulative total return of the S&P 500 Index and the KBW 50 Bank Index for the period December 31, 2001, through December 31, 2006. The KBW 50 Bank Index is a market capitalization-weighted bank stock index published by Keefe, Bruyette & Woods. The index is composed of the 50 largest banking companies and includes all money-center banks and most major regional banks. An investment of \$100 on December 31, 2001, and the reinvestment of all dividends are assumed.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>Average Price Paid Per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(1)</sup></b>
October 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006	400,000	\$ 24.38	400,000	6,500,000
November 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006	2,650,000	24.60	3,050,000	3,850,000
December 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006	0	0.00	3,050,000	3,850,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,050,000</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>3,050,000</b>	<b>3,850,000</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Information is as of the end of the period.

On April 20, 2006, the Company announced that the board of directors authorized a new program for the repurchase of up to 15 million shares (the 2006 Repurchase Program). The 2006 Repurchase Program does not have an expiration date. The 2005 Repurchase Program, with 5 million shares remaining, was canceled and replaced by the 2006 Repurchase Program. The Company announced its expectation to repurchase the shares from time to time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions depending on market conditions.

On May 24, 2006, Huntington repurchased 6.0 million shares of common stock from Bear Stearns under an accelerated share repurchase program. The accelerated share repurchase program enabled Huntington to purchase the shares immediately, while Bear Stearns purchased shares in the market over a period of up to four months (the Repurchase Term). In connection with the repurchase of these shares, Huntington entered into a variable share forward sale agreement, which provides for a settlement, reflecting a price differential based on the adjusted

volume-weighted average price as defined in the agreement with Bear Stearns. The variable share forward agreement concluded at the end of September, resulting in a nominal settlement of cash to Huntington. This was reflected as an adjustment to treasury shares on Huntington's balance sheet.

**Item 6: Selected Financial Data**

Information required by this item is set forth in Table 1 in our 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report, and incorporated by reference.

**Item 7: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

Information required by this item is set forth in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in the 2006 Annual Report to shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7a: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Information required by this item is set forth in the caption Market Risk included in the 2006 Annual Report to shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8: Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

Information required by this item is set forth in the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes, and Selected Quarterly Income Statements included in the 2006 Annual Report to shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9: Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9A: Controls and Procedures**

**Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our Management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Information required by this item is set forth in Report of Management and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm included in the 2006 Annual Report to shareholders, portions of which are filed as Exhibit 13.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended December 31, 2006 to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9A(T): Controls and Procedures**

Not applicable.

**Item 9B: Other Information.**

On February 21, 2007, the Board approved our election to become subject to a provision of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the Maryland General Corporation Law ( MGCL ). This election became effective on February 22, 2007 upon the filing with and acceptance for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland of the Articles Supplementary filed as exhibit 3.4. Prior to such election, under the MGCL a director elected by the board of directors of a corporation to fill a vacancy serves until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until his successor is elected and qualifies. Pursuant to such election, our charter now provides, as permitted by the MGCL, that any director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is duly elected and qualifies.

On and effective February 21, 2007, the Board also amended Section 2.04 of Huntington s Bylaws to conform the Bylaws to the MGCL election described above and amended Section 1.01 of Huntington s Bylaws to provide that the 2007 annual meeting of stockholders may be held at such time and on such date during the thirty-one day period beginning April 19, 2007 and ending May 19, 2007 as the Board shall determine. The Bylaws, as amended and restated, are filed as exhibit 3.3.

On February 22, 2007, Karen A. Holbrook, director of Huntington since 2004, announced that she does not wish to stand for re-election to the board of directors when her current term expires at the 2007 annual meeting of shareholders due to her forthcoming retirement from her position as President of The Ohio State University in June 2007.

**PART III**

We refer in Part III of this report to relevant sections of our 2007 Proxy Statement for the 2007 annual meeting of shareholders, which will be filed with the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days of the close of our 2006 fiscal year. Portions of our 2007 Proxy Statement, including the sections we refer to in this report, are incorporated by reference into this report.

**Item 10: Directors and Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

Information required by this item is set forth under the captions Election of Directors , Corporate Governance , Executive Officers of Huntington , Board Committees , Report of the Audit Committee , Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings and Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance of our 2007 Proxy Statement.

**Item 11: Executive Compensation**

Information required by this item is set forth under the captions Executive Compensation and Director Compensation of our 2007 Proxy Statement.

**Item 12: Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

Information required by this item is set forth under the caption Ownership of Voting Stock and in a table entitled Equity Compensation Plans Information of our 2007 Proxy Statement.

**Item 13: Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

Information required by this item is set forth under the caption Transactions With Directors and Executive Officers of our 2007 Proxy Statement.

**Item 14: Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

Information required by this item is set forth under the caption Proposal to Ratify the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm of our 2007 Proxy Statement.

**PART IV**

**Item 15: Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules**

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

The report of independent registered public accounting firm and consolidated financial statements appearing in our 2006 Annual Report on the pages indicated below are incorporated by reference in Item 8.

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- (1) We are not filing separately financial statement schedules because of the absence of conditions under which they are required or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or the related notes.
- (2) The exhibits required by this item are listed in the Exhibit Index of this Form 10-K. The management contracts and compensation plans or arrangements required to be filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K are listed as Exhibits 10(a) through 10(v) in the Exhibit Index.
- (b) The exhibits to this Form 10-K begin on page 23 of this report.
- (c) See Item 15(a)(2) above.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on the 22nd day of February 2007.

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Thomas E. Hoaglin

Thomas E. Hoaglin  
Chairman, President, Chief Executive  
Officer, and Director (Principal Executive  
Officer)

By: /s/ Donald R. Kimble

Donald R. Kimble  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Thomas P. Reed

Thomas P. Reed  
Senior Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on the 22nd day of February, 2007.

Raymond J. Biggs \*

Raymond J. Biggs  
Director

David L. Porteous \*

David L. Porteous  
Director

Don M. Casto III \*

Don M. Casto III  
Director

Kathleen H. Ransier \*

Kathleen H. Ransier  
Director

Michael J. Endres \*

Michael J. Endres  
Director

Gene E. Little \*

Gene E. Little  
Director

Karen A. Holbrook \*

Karen A. Holbrook  
Director

Wm. J. Lhota \*

Wm. J. Lhota  
Director

John B. Gerlach, Jr. \*

John B. Gerlach, Jr.  
Director

David P. Lauer \*

David P. Lauer  
Director

\* /s/ Donald R. Kimble

Donald R. Kimble

Donald R. Kimble

Attorney-in-fact for each of the persons indicated

**Exhibit Index**

This report incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC. The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information in this document. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this document, except for any information that is superseded by information that is included directly in this document.

This information may be read and copied at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The SEC also maintains an internet web site that contains reports, proxy statements, and other information about issuers, like us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of the site is <http://www.sec.gov>. The reports and other information filed by us with the SEC are also available at our Internet web site. The address of the site is <http://www.huntington.com>. Except as specifically incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K, information on those web sites is not part of this report. You also should be able to inspect reports, proxy statements, and other information about us at the offices of the NASDAQ National Market at 33 Whitehall Street, New York, New York.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Report or Registration Statement</b>	<b>SEC File or Registration Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Reference</b>
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated December 20, 2006 by and among Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, Penguin Acquisition, LLC and Sky Financial Group, Inc.	Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 22, 2006.	000-02525	2.1
3.1	Articles of Restatement of Charter, Articles of Amendment to Articles of Restatement of Charter, and Articles Supplementary.	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1993.	000-02525	3(i)
3.2	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Restatement of Charter.	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1998.	000-02525	3(i)(c)
3.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws as of February 21, 2007.			
3.4	Articles Supplementary.			
4.1	Instruments defining the Rights of Security Holders reference is made to Articles Fifth, Eighth, and Tenth of Articles of Restatement of Charter, as amended and supplemented. Instruments defining the rights of holders			



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of long-term debt will be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

10.1	* Form of Executive Agreement for certain executive officers.	Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2005.	000-02525	99.1
10.2	* Form of Executive Agreement for certain executive officers.	Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2005.	000-02525	99.2
10.3	* Form of Executive Agreement for certain executive officers.	Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2005.	000-02525	99.3
10.4	* Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Management Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2004.	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.	000-02525	10(a)
10.5	* Restated Huntington Supplemental Retirement Income Plan.	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999.	000-02525	10(n)
10.6	* Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for Directors	Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on January 28, 1991.	33-10546	4(a)
10.7	* Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Directors	Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on July 19, 1991.	33-41774	4(a)
10.8	* First Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Directors	Quarterly Report 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001	000-02525	10(q)
10.9	* Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated on February 18, 2004	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004	000-02525	10(c)
10.10	* The Huntington Supplemental Stock Purchase	Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on November 26, 1991	33-44208	4(a)

and Tax Savings Plan and  
Trust (as amended and  
restated as of February 9,  
1990)

10.11	* First Amendment to The Huntington Supplemental Stock Purchase and Tax Savings Plan and Trust Plan	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997	000-02525	10(o)(2)
10.12	* 1990 Stock Option Plan	Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on October 18, 1990	33-37373	4(a)

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10.13	* First Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 1990 Stock Option Plan	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1991	000-02525	10(q)(2)
10.14	* Second Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 1990 Stock Option Plan	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996	000-02525	10(n)(3)
10.15	* Third Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 1990 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000	000-02525	10(b)
10.16	* Fourth Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 1990 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(a)
10.17	* Fifth Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 1990 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(b)
10.18	* Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996	000-02525	10(r)
10.19	* First Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 1994 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000	000-02525	10(a)
10.20	* First Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(c)
10.21	* Second Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(d)

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10.22	* Third Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(e)
10.23	* Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 2001 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Quarterly Report 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001	000-02525	10(r)
10.24	* First Amendment to the Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 2001 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Quarterly Report 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(h)
10.25	* Second Amendment to the Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 2001 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Quarterly Report 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002	000-02525	10(i)
10.26	* Huntington Bancshares Incorporated 2004 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004	000-02525	10(b)
10.27	* First Amendment to the 2004 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006	000-02525	10(e)
10.28	* Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Employee Stock Incentive Plan (incorporating changes made by first amendment to Plan)	Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on December 13, 2001.	333-75032	4(a)
10.29	* Second Amendment to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Employee Stock Incentive Plan	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002	000-02525	10(s)
10.30	* Performance criteria and potential awards for executive officers for fiscal year 2005 under the Management Incentive Plan and for a long-term incentive award cycle beginning on January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2007 under the 2004 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2005	000-02525	99.1

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10.31	* Compensation Schedule for Non-Employee Directors of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, effective July 19, 2005	Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 19, 2005	000-02525	99.1
10.32	* Employment Agreement, dated February 15, 2004, between Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and Thomas E. Hoaglin	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003	000-02525	10(n)
10.33	* Letter Agreement between Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and Raymond J. Biggs, acknowledged and agreed to by Mr. Biggs on May 1, 2005	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005	000-02525	10(t)
10.34	Schedule identifying material details of Executive Agreements 2006			

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10.35	* Performance criteria and potential awards for executive officers for fiscal year 2006 under the Management Incentive Plan and for a long-term incentive award cycle beginning on January 1, 2006 and ending on December 31, 2008 under the 2004 Stock and Long-Term Incentive Plan	Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 21, 2006	000-02525	99.1
10.36	* Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice with three year vesting	Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 24, 2006	000-02525	99.1
10.37	* Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice with six month vesting	Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 24, 2006	000-02525	99.2
10.38	* Restricted Stock Unit Deferral Agreement	Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 24, 2006	000-02525	99.3
10.39	* Director Deferred Stock Award Notice	Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 24, 2006	000-02525	99.4
12.1	Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.			
13.1	Portions of our 2006 Annual Report to shareholders			
14.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics dated January 14, 2003 and revised on February 14, 2006 and Financial Code of Ethics for Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers, adopted January 18, 2003 and revised on April 19, 2005			
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant			
23.1				

Consent of Deloitte & Touche  
LLP, Independent Registered  
Public Accounting Firm.

- 24.1 Power of Attorney
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification  
Chief Executive Officer.
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification  
Chief Financial Officer.
- 32.1 Section 1350 Certification  
Chief Executive Officer.
- 32.2 Section 1350 Certification  
Chief Financial Officer.

\* Denotes management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.