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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-12669

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

57-0799315
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina
(Address of principal executive offices)

29201
(Zip Code)

(800) 277-2175

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data file required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

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Class
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value

Outstanding as of April 30, 2013
17,024,115

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Table of Contents**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****SCBT Financial Corporation and Subsidiary****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets***(Dollars in thousands, except par value)*

| | March 31, 2013 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2012 (Note 1) | March 31, 2012 (Unaudited) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ 227,326 | \$ 185,708 | \$ 329,942 |
| Interest-bearing deposits with banks | 5,743 | 16,018 | 1,870 |
| Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | 262,800 | 179,004 | 71,410 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 495,869 | 380,730 | 403,222 |
| Investment securities: | | | |
| Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$15,555, \$16,553, and \$17,664, respectively) | 14,598 | 15,440 | 16,568 |
| Securities available for sale, at fair value | 510,852 | 534,883 | 322,588 |
| Other investments | 7,805 | 9,768 | 18,292 |
| Total investment securities | 533,255 | 560,091 | 357,448 |
| Loans held for sale | 50,449 | 65,279 | 34,706 |
| Loans: | | | |
| Acquired (covered of \$257,066, \$282,728, and \$363,051, respectively; non-covered of \$738,189, \$792,014, and \$6,093, respectively) | 995,255 | 1,074,742 | 369,144 |
| Less allowance for acquired loan losses | (31,277) | (32,132) | (34,355) |
| Non-acquired | 2,604,298 | 2,571,003 | 2,437,314 |
| Less allowance for non-acquired loan losses | (41,669) | (44,378) | (47,607) |
| Loans, net | 3,526,607 | 3,569,235 | 2,724,496 |
| FDIC receivable for loss share agreements | 124,340 | 146,171 | 231,331 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 110,792 | 115,583 | 93,209 |
| Goodwill | 100,487 | 100,487 | 62,888 |
| Other real estate owned (covered of \$34,244, \$34,257, and \$61,788, respectively; non-covered of \$36,446, \$32,248, and \$21,381, respectively) | 70,690 | 66,505 | 83,169 |
| Bank owned life insurance | 43,008 | 42,737 | 22,233 |
| Core deposit and other intangibles | 24,180 | 25,199 | 11,038 |
| Other assets | 62,252 | 64,296 | 22,603 |
| Total assets | \$ 5,141,929 | \$ 5,136,313 | \$ 4,046,343 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | | |
| Deposits: | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 1,002,662 | \$ 981,963 | \$ 757,777 |
| Interest-bearing | 3,216,694 | 3,316,397 | 2,598,860 |
| Total deposits | 4,219,356 | 4,298,360 | 3,356,637 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 328,701 | 238,621 | 235,412 |

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|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other borrowings | 54,638 | 54,897 | 46,397 |
| Other liabilities | 25,023 | 36,886 | 21,390 |
| Total liabilities | 4,627,718 | 4,628,764 | 3,659,836 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | |
| Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; authorized 10,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding | | | |
| Common stock - \$2.50 par value; authorized 40,000,000 shares; 17,017,904, 16,937,464, and 14,052,177 shares issued and outstanding | | | |
| | 42,545 | 42,344 | 35,130 |
| Surplus | 329,636 | 328,843 | 233,422 |
| Retained earnings | 143,573 | 135,986 | 120,837 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (1,543) | 376 | (2,882) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 514,211 | 507,549 | 386,507 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 5,141,929 | \$ 5,136,313 | \$ 4,046,343 |

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of the Financial Statements.

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SCBT Financial Corporation and Subsidiary
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Interest income: | | |
| Loans, including fees | \$ 52,384 | \$ 39,777 |
| Investment securities: | | |
| Taxable | 2,161 | 2,036 |
| Tax-exempt | 1,206 | 195 |
| Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | 418 | 212 |
| Total interest income | 56,169 | 42,220 |
| Interest expense: | | |
| Deposits | 1,559 | 2,494 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 136 | 126 |
| Other borrowings | 673 | 562 |
| Total interest expense | 2,368 | 3,182 |
| Net interest income | 53,801 | 39,038 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,060 | 2,723 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 52,741 | 36,315 |
| Noninterest income: | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 5,761 | 5,447 |
| Bankcard services income | 3,893 | 3,320 |
| Mortgage banking income | 3,395 | 1,830 |
| Trust and investment services income | 2,314 | 1,397 |
| Amortization of FDIC indemnification assets, net | (7,171) | (3,233) |
| Other | 1,331 | 712 |
| Total noninterest income | 9,523 | 9,473 |
| Noninterest expense: | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 23,252 | 18,048 |
| Information services expense | 3,192 | 2,468 |
| OREO expense and loan related | 3,102 | 2,716 |
| Net occupancy expense | 2,932 | 2,248 |
| Furniture and equipment expense | 2,572 | 2,239 |
| Merger and conversion related expense | 1,963 | 96 |
| FDIC assessment and other regulatory charges | 1,224 | 1,037 |
| Bankcard expense | 1,164 | 902 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 1,034 | 500 |
| Advertising and marketing | 842 | 757 |
| Professional fees | 691 | 633 |
| Other | 4,473 | 3,575 |
| Total noninterest expense | 46,441 | 35,219 |
| Earnings: | | |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 15,823 | 10,569 |
| Provision for income taxes | 5,174 | 3,541 |
| Net income | \$ 10,649 | \$ 7,028 |
| Earnings per common share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.64 | \$ 0.51 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.50 |
| Dividends per common share | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.17 |

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Weighted-average common shares outstanding:

| | | |
|---------|---------------|--------|
| Basic | 16,769 | 13,883 |
| Diluted | 16,936 | 13,951 |

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Table of Contents**SCBT Financial Corporation and Subsidiary****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)***(Dollars in thousands)*

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net income | \$ 10,649 | \$ 7,028 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | |
| Unrealized losses on securities: | | |
| Unrealized holding losses arising during period | (3,203) | (326) |
| Tax effect | 1,221 | 124 |
| Net of tax amount | (1,982) | (202) |
| Unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments qualifying as cash flow hedges: | | |
| Unrealized holding gains arising during period | 29 | 41 |
| Tax effect | (11) | (19) |
| Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in interest expense | 73 | 71 |
| Tax effect | (28) | (24) |
| Net of tax amount | 63 | 69 |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | (1,919) | (133) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 8,730 | \$ 6,895 |

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| | Preferred Stock | | Common Stock | | Surplus | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total |
|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---|------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | | \$ | 14,039,422 | \$ 35,099 | \$ 233,232 | \$ 116,198 | \$ (2,749) | \$ 381,780 |
| Comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | | | 7,028 | | 7,028 |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | | | | | | | (133) | (133) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 6,895 |
| Cash dividends declared at \$.17 per share | | | | | | (2,389) | | (2,389) |
| Stock options exercised | | | 606 | 1 | 11 | | | 12 |
| Restricted stock awards | | | 19,314 | 48 | (48) | | | |
| Common stock repurchased | | | (7,165) | (18) | (201) | | | (219) |
| Share-based compensation expense | | | | | 428 | | | 428 |
| Balance, March 31, 2012 | | \$ | 14,052,177 | \$ 35,130 | \$ 233,422 | \$ 120,837 | \$ (2,882) | \$ 386,507 |
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | | \$ | 16,937,464 | \$ 42,344 | \$ 328,843 | \$ 135,986 | \$ 376 | \$ 507,549 |
| Comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | | | 10,649 | | 10,649 |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | | | | | | | (1,919) | (1,919) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 8,730 |
| Cash dividends declared at \$.18 per share | | | | | | (3,062) | | (3,062) |
| Stock options exercised | | | 18,211 | 45 | 471 | | | 516 |
| Restricted stock awards | | | 68,308 | 171 | (171) | | | |
| Common stock repurchased | | | (6,079) | (15) | (290) | | | (305) |

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|----------------------------------|----|------------|----|--------|-----|---------|----|---------|-----------------------|
| Share-based compensation expense | | | | | 783 | | | | 783 |
| Balance, March 31, 2013 | \$ | 17,017,904 | \$ | 42,545 | \$ | 329,636 | \$ | 143,573 | \$ (1,543) \$ 514,211 |

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Table of Contents**SCBT Financial Corporation and Subsidiary****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)***(Dollars in thousands)*

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 10,649 | \$ 7,028 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,500 | 2,754 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,060 | 2,723 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,212 | 110 |
| Gains on OREO sales | (2,582) | (2,317) |
| Share-based compensation expense | 783 | 428 |
| Loss on disposal of premises and equipment | 5 | 1 |
| Amortization of FDIC indemnification asset | 7,171 | 3,233 |
| Accretion on acquired loans | (23,370) | (9,110) |
| Net amortization of investment securities | 1,246 | 572 |
| OREO write downs | 2,570 | 8,876 |
| Net change in: | | |
| Loans held for sale | 14,830 | 11,103 |
| Accrued interest receivable | (2,480) | 2,274 |
| Prepaid assets | (949) | 546 |
| FDIC loss share receivable | 14,660 | 28,088 |
| Accrued interest payable | (585) | (566) |
| Accrued income taxes | 5,379 | (1,268) |
| Miscellaneous assets and liabilities | (11,726) | (8,398) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 22,373 | 46,077 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities held to maturity | 843 | |
| Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities available for sale | 56,888 | 16,066 |
| Proceeds from sales of other investment securities | 1,963 | |
| Purchases of investment securities available for sale | (37,283) | (50,357) |
| Net decrease in customer loans | 54,021 | 51,321 |
| Purchases of premises and equipment | (2,936) | (2,114) |
| Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment | | 10 |
| Proceeds from sale of OREO | 11,356 | 16,536 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 84,852 | 31,462 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Net increase (decrease) in deposits | (79,004) | 102,164 |
| Net increase in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 90,080 | 54,976 |
| Repayment of other borrowings | (311) | (286) |
| Common stock repurchased | (305) | (219) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (3,062) | (2,389) |
| Stock options exercised | 516 | 12 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 7,914 | 154,258 |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 115,139 | 231,797 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 380,730 | 171,425 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 495,869 | \$ 403,222 |

Supplemental Disclosures:

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Cash paid for:

| | | | | |
|--------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Interest | \$ | 2,811 | \$ | 3,749 |
| Income taxes | \$ | 564 | \$ | 4,799 |

Noncash investing activities:

| | | | | |
|--|----|--------|----|--------|
| Transfers of loans to foreclosed properties (covered of \$6,186 and \$14,491, respectively; and non-covered of \$10,542 and \$7,569, respectively) | \$ | 16,728 | \$ | 22,060 |
|--|----|--------|----|--------|

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of the Financial Statements.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

Note 1 Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Certain prior period information has been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation, and these reclassifications had no impact on net income or equity as previously reported. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013.

The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2012 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The information contained in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in SCBT Financial Corporation's (SCBT or the Company) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on March 4, 2013, should be referenced when reading these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, references herein to SCBT, the Company, we, us, our or similar references mean SCBT Financial Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events for accounting and disclosure purposes through the date the financial statements are issued.

Note 3 Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220) Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income* (ASU 2013-02). The ASU amends Topic 220 to require an entity to provide information about the amounts

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reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component. In addition, an entity is required to present, either on the face of the statement where net income is presented or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by the respective line items of net income but only if the amount reclassified is required under U.S. GAAP to be reclassified to net income in its entirety in the same reporting period. ASU 2013-02 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2013 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In January 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-01, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210) Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities* (ASU 2013-01). The ASU amends ASU 2011-11 to clarify that the scope applies to derivatives, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing and lending transactions that are either offset in accordance with Section 210-20-45 or Section 815-10-45 or subject to master netting or similar arrangements. Other types of financial assets and liabilities subject to master netting or similar arrangements are not subject to the disclosure requirements in ASU 2011-11. ASU 2013-01 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2013 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In October 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-06, *Business Combinations (Topic 805) Subsequent Accounting for an Indemnification Asset Recognized at the Acquisition Date as a Result of a Government-Assisted Acquisition of a Financial Institution* (ASU 2012-06). ASU 2012-06 amends Subtopic 805-20 to require subsequent measurement of an indemnification asset to be on the same basis as the indemnified asset or liability, subject to any contractual limitations on its amount and, for an indemnification asset that is not subsequently measured at its fair value, management's assessment of the collectability of the indemnification asset. ASU 2012-06 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2013 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

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Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions

First Financial Holdings, Inc. Acquisition

On February 19, 2013, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Agreement) with First Financial Holdings, Inc. (First Financial), a bank holding company headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina. First Federal Bank (First Federal) is a wholly-owned bank subsidiary of First Financial. Other First Financial subsidiaries include First Southeast 401(k) Fiduciaries, Inc., a registered investment advisor, and First Southeast Investor Services, Inc., a registered broker-dealer. At March 31, 2013, First Financial reported \$3.2 billion in total assets, \$2.4 billion in loans and \$2.6 billion in deposits. First Federal has a total of 66 branches that serve individuals and businesses throughout coastal South Carolina, Florence and Greenville, South Carolina and Wilmington, North Carolina. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, First Financial will merge with and into SCBT Financial Corporation, with SCBT Financial Corporation as the surviving entity in the merger. In addition, First Federal will merge with and into the Company's bank subsidiary, SCBT (SCBT Bank or the Bank), with the Bank as the surviving entity. The other subsidiaries of First Financial are expected to become subsidiaries of SCBT Financial Corporation.

Under the terms of the Agreement, First Financial common shareholders will receive aggregate consideration of approximately 7,002,384 shares of SCBT common stock. The common stock consideration is based upon a fixed exchange ratio of 0.4237 shares of SCBT common stock for each of the outstanding shares of FFCH common stock, and each outstanding share of First Financial Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A ("First Financial Preferred Stock"), will be converted into the right to receive one share of preferred stock of SCBT, to be designated Series A Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock and having such rights, preferences and privileges as are not materially less favorable than the rights, preferences and privileges of the First Financial Preferred Stock.

The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals, the affirmative vote of both SCBT Financial Corporation's and First Financial's shareholders, and other customary closing conditions. The transaction is expected to close during the third quarter of 2013.

The Savannah Bancorp, Inc. Acquisition

On December 13, 2012, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common stock of The Savannah Bancorp, Inc. (Savannah), a bank holding company based in Savannah, Georgia, in a stock transaction. Savannah common shareholders received 0.2503 shares of the Company's common stock in exchange for each share of Savannah stock, resulting in the Company issuing 1,802,137 common shares. In total, the purchase price was \$68.9 million including the value of in the money outstanding stock options totaling \$63,000.

The Savannah transaction was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting and, accordingly, assets acquired, liabilities assumed and consideration exchanged were recorded at estimated fair value on the acquisition date. Fair values are preliminary and subject to refinement for up to a year after the closing date of the acquisition.

Table of Contents**Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions (Continued)**

The following table presents the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of December 13, 2012, as recorded by Savannah on the acquisition date and initial and subsequent fair value adjustments.

| (Dollars in thousands) | As Recorded by Savannah | Fair Value Adjustments | Subsequent Fair Value Adjustments | As Recorded by SCBT |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 86,244 | \$ | \$ | \$ 86,244 |
| Investment securities | 75,460 | (1,288)(a) | 31(a) | 74,203 |
| Loans | 660,555 | (59,196)(b) | | 601,359 |
| Premises and equipment | 12,555 | (1,843)(c) | (264)(c) | 10,448 |
| Intangible assets | 3,357 | 9,546(d) | 15(d) | 12,918 |
| Other real estate owned and repossessed assets | 13,934 | (5,315)(e) | 264(e) | 8,883 |
| Bank owned life insurance | 6,705 | | | 6,705 |
| Deferred tax asset | (790) | 39,143(f) | (128)(f) | 38,225 |
| Other assets | 8,497 | (2,348)(g) | | 6,149 |
| Total assets | \$ 866,517 | \$ (21,301) | \$ (82) | \$ 845,134 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 129,902 | \$ | \$ | \$ 129,902 |
| Interest-bearing | 619,198 | 2,530(h) | | 621,728 |
| Total deposits | 749,100 | 2,530 | | 751,630 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 13,491 | | | 13,491 |
| Other borrowings | 30,613 | (232)(i) | | 30,381 |
| Other liabilities | 8,026 | 6,657(j) | (311)(j) | 14,372 |
| Total liabilities | 801,230 | 8,955 | (311) | 809,874 |
| Net identifiable assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed | 65,287 | (30,256) | 229 | 35,260 |
| Goodwill | | 33,886 | (229) | 33,657 |
| Net assets acquired over liabilities assumed | \$ 65,287 | \$ 3,630 | \$ | \$ 68,917 |
| Consideration: | | | | |
| SCBT Financial Corporation common shares issued | 1,802,137 | | | |
| Purchase price per share of the Company's common stock | \$ 38.20 | | | |
| Company common stock issued and cash exchanged for fractional shares | 68,854 | | | |
| Cash paid for stock options outstanding | 63 | | | |
| Fair value of total consideration transferred | \$ 68,917 | | | |

Explanation of fair value adjustments

(a) Adjustment reflects marking the available for sale portfolio to fair value as of the acquisition date.

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- (b) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired loan portfolio and excludes the allowance for loan losses recorded by Savannah.
- (c) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired premises and equipment.
- (d) Adjustment reflects the recording of the core deposit intangible on the acquired deposit accounts and other intangibles for non-compete agreements and customer lists.
- (e) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments to OREO based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired OREO portfolio.
- (f) Adjustment to record deferred tax asset related to fair value adjustments at 35.8% income tax rate.
- (g) Adjustment reflects uncollectible portion of accrued interest receivable.
- (h) Adjustment arises since the rates on interest-bearing deposits are higher than rates available on similar deposits as of the acquisition date.
- (i) Adjustment reflects the prepayment fee paid when FHLB advances were completely paid off in December of 2012 and the fair value adjustment based on the Company's evaluation of the junior subordinated debt.
- (j) Adjustment reflects the incremental accrual for employee related benefits, asset sale termination fee and other liabilities.

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Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions (Continued)

Peoples Bancorporation, Inc. Acquisition

On April 24, 2012, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Peoples Bancorporation, Inc. (Peoples), a bank holding company based in Easley, South Carolina, in a stock transaction. Peoples common shareholders received 0.1413 shares of the Company s common stock in exchange for each share of Peoples stock, resulting in the Company issuing 1,002,741 common shares at a fair value of \$31.1 million. Peoples preferred stock (including accrued and unpaid dividend) issued under the U.S. Treasury s Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) were purchased by the Company for \$13.4 million and retired as part of the merger transaction. In total, the purchase price was \$44.5 million including the value of in the money outstanding stock options totaling \$96,000.

The Peoples transaction was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting and, accordingly, assets acquired, liabilities assumed and consideration exchanged were recorded at fair value on the acquisition date.

The following table presents the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of April 24, 2012, as recorded by Peoples on the acquisition date and initial and subsequent fair value adjustments.

| (Dollars in thousands) | As Recorded by Peoples | Initial Fair Value Adjustments | Subsequent Fair Value Adjustments | As Recorded by SCBT |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 24,459 | \$ | \$ | \$ 24,459 |
| Investment securities | 176,334 | (442)(a) | | 175,892 |
| Loans | 262,858 | (28,613)(b) | | 234,245 |
| Premises and equipment | 10,094 | 3,202(c) | | 13,296 |
| Intangible assets | | 2,930(d) | | 2,930 |
| Other real estate owned and repossessed assets | 13,257 | (5,153)(e) | | 8,104 |
| Deferred tax asset | 4,702 | 11,766(f) | 64(f) | 16,532 |
| Other assets | 17,588 | (883)(g) | | 16,705 |
| Total assets | \$ 509,292 | \$ (17,193) | \$ 64 | \$ 492,163 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 54,884 | \$ | \$ | \$ 54,884 |
| Interest-bearing | 378,781 | 1,405(h) | | 380,186 |
| Total deposits | 433,665 | 1,405 | | 435,070 |
| Other borrowings | 9,542 | | | 9,542 |
| Other liabilities | 4,291 | 2,475(i) | 178(i) | 6,944 |
| Total liabilities | 447,498 | 3,880 | 178 | 451,556 |
| Net identifiable assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed | 61,794 | (21,073) | (114) | 40,607 |
| Goodwill | | 3,828 | 114 | 3,942 |
| | \$ 61,794 | \$ (17,245) | \$ | \$ 44,549 |

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Net assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed

Consideration:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| SCBT Financial Corporation common shares issued | 1,002,741 |
| Purchase price per share of the Company's common stock | \$ 31.06 |
| Company common stock issued and cash exchanged for fractional shares | 31,160 |
| Cash paid for stock options outstanding | 96 |
| Cash paid for TARP preferred stock | 13,293 |
| Fair value of total consideration transferred | \$ 44,549 |

Explanation of fair value adjustments

- (a) Adjustment reflects marking the available for sale portfolio to fair value as of the acquisition date.
- (b) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired loan portfolio and excludes the allowance for loan losses recorded by Peoples Bancorporation, Inc.
- (c) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired premises and equipment.
- (d) Adjustment reflects the recording of the core deposit intangible on the acquired deposit accounts and other intangibles for non-compete agreements.
- (e) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments to OREO based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired OREO portfolio.
- (f) Adjustment to record deferred tax asset related to fair value adjustments at 35.8% income tax rate.

Table of Contents**Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions (Continued)**

- (g) Adjustment reflects uncollectible portion of accrued interest receivable.
- (h) Adjustment arises since the rates on interest-bearing deposits are higher than rates available on similar deposits as of the acquisition date.
- (i) Adjustment reflects the incremental accrual for SERP termination, other employee related benefits, and other liabilities.

Note 5 Investment Securities

The following is the amortized cost and fair value of investment securities held to maturity:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| March 31, 2013: | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ 14,598 | \$ 957 | \$ | \$ 15,555 |
| December 31, 2012: | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ 15,440 | \$ 1,113 | \$ | \$ 16,553 |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ 16,568 | \$ 1,096 | \$ | \$ 17,664 |

Table of Contents**Note 5 Investment Securities (Continued)**

The following is the amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| March 31, 2013: | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt * | \$ 71,408 | \$ 515 | \$ (121) | \$ 71,802 |
| State and municipal obligations | 144,979 | 4,308 | (391) | 148,896 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ** | 283,348 | 6,585 | (191) | 289,742 |
| Corporate stocks | 241 | 172 | (1) | 412 |
| | \$ 499,976 | \$ 11,580 | \$ (704) | \$ 510,852 |
| December 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt * | \$ 87,584 | \$ 965 | \$ (31) | \$ 88,518 |
| State and municipal obligations | 147,201 | 5,647 | (49) | 152,799 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ** | 285,800 | 7,489 | (102) | 293,187 |
| Corporate stocks | 241 | 139 | (1) | 379 |
| | \$ 520,826 | \$ 14,240 | \$ (183) | \$ 534,883 |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt * | \$ 65,505 | \$ 985 | \$ (112) | \$ 66,378 |
| State and municipal obligations | 39,099 | 2,942 | (33) | 42,008 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ** | 208,564 | 5,301 | (56) | 213,809 |
| Corporate stocks | 240 | 154 | (1) | 393 |
| | \$ 313,408 | \$ 9,382 | \$ (202) | \$ 322,588 |

* - Government-sponsored entities holdings are comprised of debt securities offered by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) or Freddie Mac, Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) or Fannie Mae, FHLB, and Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB).

** - All of the mortgage-backed securities are issued by government-sponsored entities; there are no private-label holdings.

The following is the amortized cost and fair value of other investment securities:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| March 31, 2013: | | | | |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | \$ 6,163 | \$ | \$ | \$ 6,163 |
| Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries | 1,642 | \$ | \$ | 1,642 |
| | \$ 7,805 | \$ | \$ | \$ 7,805 |
| December 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | \$ 8,126 | \$ | \$ | \$ 8,126 |
| Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries | 1,642 | \$ | \$ | 1,642 |
| | \$ 9,768 | \$ | \$ | \$ 9,768 |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Federal Reserve Bank stock | \$ 7,028 | \$ | \$ | \$ 7,028 |

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| | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 9,932 | | | 9,932 | |
| Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries | 1,332 | | | 1,332 | |
| | \$ | 18,292 | \$ | \$ | 18,292 |

The Company has determined that the investment in FHLB stock is not other than temporarily impaired as of March 31, 2013 and ultimate recoverability of the par value of these investments is probable.

Table of Contents**Note 5 Investment Securities (Continued)**

Effective July 1, 2012, the Bank converted its national charter to a state charter and changed its name from SCBT, National Association to SCBT. In conjunction with the charter conversion, the Bank became a non-member bank of the Federal Reserve and liquidated its entire position in Federal Reserve Bank stock on July 2, 2012, with no gain or loss.

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities at March 31, 2013 by contractual maturity are detailed below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without prepayment penalties.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Securities Held to Maturity | | Securities Available for Sale | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| Due in one year or less | \$ 1,924 | \$ 1,955 | \$ 3,946 | \$ 3,981 |
| Due after one year through five years | 345 | 369 | 13,669 | 14,011 |
| Due after five years through ten years | 8,927 | 9,523 | 111,773 | 114,088 |
| Due after ten years | 3,402 | 3,708 | 370,588 | 378,772 |
| | \$ 14,598 | \$ 15,555 | \$ 499,976 | \$ 510,852 |

Table of Contents**Note 5 Investment Securities (Continued)**

Information pertaining to the Company's securities with gross unrealized losses at March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position is as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Less Than Twelve Months | | Twelve Months or More | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
| March 31, 2013: | | | | |
| Securities Held to Maturity | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Securities Available for Sale | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | \$ 121 | \$ 27,852 | \$ | \$ |
| State and municipal obligations | 391 | 27,502 | | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 191 | 26,765 | | |
| Corporate Stocks | 1 | 9 | | |
| | \$ 704 | \$ 82,128 | \$ | \$ |
| December 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Securities Held to Maturity | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Securities Available for Sale | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | \$ 31 | \$ 4,963 | \$ | \$ |
| State and municipal obligations | 49 | 9,602 | | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 102 | 13,709 | | |
| Corporate stocks | 1 | 9 | | |
| | \$ 183 | \$ 28,283 | \$ | \$ |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Securities Held to Maturity | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Securities Available for Sale | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | \$ 112 | \$ 15,516 | \$ | \$ |
| State and municipal obligations | 18 | 381 | 15 | 486 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 56 | 8,367 | | |
| Corporate stocks | | | 1 | 9 |
| | \$ 186 | \$ 24,264 | \$ 16 | \$ 495 |

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) the outlook for receiving the contractual cash flows of the investments, (4) the anticipated outlook for changes in the general level of interest rates, and (5) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value or for a debt security whether it is more-likely-than-not that the Company will be required to sell the debt security prior to recovering its fair value. As part of the Company's evaluation of its intent and ability to hold investments for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in the market, the Company considers its investment strategy, cash flow needs, liquidity position, capital adequacy and interest rate risk position. The Company does not currently intend to sell the securities within the portfolio and it is not more-likely-than-not that the Company will be required to sell the

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debt securities; therefore, management does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at March 31, 2013. Management continues to monitor all of these securities with a high degree of scrutiny. There can be no assurance that the Company will not conclude in future periods that conditions existing at that time indicate some or all of these securities may be sold or are other than temporarily impaired, which would require a charge to earnings in such periods.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses**

The following is a summary of non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-acquired loans: | | | |
| Commercial non-owner occupied real estate: | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 273,488 | \$ 273,420 | \$ 294,865 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 298,707 | 290,071 | 284,044 |
| Total commercial non-owner occupied real estate | 572,195 | 563,491 | 578,909 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 443,134 | 434,503 | 407,697 |
| Home equity loans | 249,356 | 255,284 | 258,054 |
| Total consumer real estate | 692,490 | 689,787 | 665,751 |
| Commercial owner occupied real estate | 796,139 | 784,152 | 744,441 |
| Commercial and industrial | 291,308 | 279,763 | 216,083 |
| Other income producing property | 131,776 | 133,713 | 130,177 |
| Consumer | 93,997 | 86,934 | 85,350 |
| Other loans | 26,393 | 33,163 | 16,603 |
| Total non-acquired loans | 2,604,298 | 2,571,003 | 2,437,314 |
| Less allowance for loan losses | (41,669) | (44,378) | (47,607) |
| Non-acquired loans, net | \$ 2,562,629 | \$ 2,526,625 | \$ 2,389,707 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 310-30, the Company aggregated acquired loans that have common risk characteristics into pools of loan categories as described in the table below. The majority of the acquired loans are accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 310-30.

The Company's acquired loan portfolio is comprised of the following balances net of related discount:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Loans Impaired at Acquisition | | Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition | | Total |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|---|---------|------------|
| March 31, 2013: | | | | | |
| FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans: | | | | | |
| Covered loans: | | | | | |
| Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT | \$ | 19,433 | \$ | 28,677 | \$ 48,110 |
| Commercial real estate | | 17,648 | | 35,324 | 52,972 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | | 11,690 | | 15,967 | 27,657 |
| Residential real estate | | 37,091 | | 60,681 | 97,772 |
| Consumer | | 776 | | 3,069 | 3,845 |
| Commercial and industrial | | 7,682 | | 14,296 | 21,978 |
| Single pay | | 4,560 | | 172 | 4,732 |
| Total covered loans | \$ | 98,880 | \$ | 158,186 | \$ 257,066 |
| Non-covered loans: | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate | | 49,391 | | 244,875 | 294,266 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | | 27,431 | | 54,971 | 82,402 |
| Residential real estate | | 39,027 | | 199,231 | 238,258 |
| Consumer | | 1,416 | | 7,907 | 9,323 |
| Commercial and industrial | | 2,884 | | 40,822 | 43,706 |
| Total non-covered loans | | 120,149 | | 547,806 | 667,955 |
| Total FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans | | 219,029 | | 705,992 | 925,021 |
| Total FASB ASC Topic 310-20 acquired loans (non-covered) | | | | 70,234 | 70,234 |
| Total acquired loans | | 219,029 | | 776,226 | 995,255 |
| Less allowance for loan losses | | (26,302) | | (4,975) | (31,277) |
| Acquired loans, net | \$ | 192,727 | \$ | 771,251 | \$ 963,978 |

December 31, 2012:

FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans:

Covered loans:

| | | | | | |
|---|----|---------|----|---------|------------|
| Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT | \$ | 19,483 | \$ | 30,201 | \$ 49,684 |
| Commercial real estate | | 22,946 | | 40,016 | 62,962 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | | 15,107 | | 17,468 | 32,575 |
| Residential real estate | | 39,050 | | 65,761 | 104,811 |
| Consumer | | 948 | | 3,376 | 4,324 |
| Commercial and industrial | | 8,281 | | 15,319 | 23,600 |
| Single pay | | 4,599 | | 173 | 4,772 |
| Total covered loans | \$ | 110,414 | \$ | 172,314 | \$ 282,728 |

Non-covered loans:

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| | | | |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|
| Commercial real estate | 53,259 | 256,703 | 309,962 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 32,975 | 64,901 | 97,876 |
| Residential real estate | 40,585 | 209,731 | 250,316 |
| Consumer | 1,672 | 9,689 | 11,361 |
| Commercial and industrial | 3,064 | 46,220 | 49,284 |
| Total non-covered loans | 131,555 | 587,244 | 718,799 |
| Total FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans | 241,969 | 759,558 | 1,001,527 |
| Total FASB ASC Topic 310-20 acquired loans (non-covered) | | 73,215 | 73,215 |
| Total acquired loans | 241,969 | 832,773 | 1,074,742 |
| Less allowance for loan losses | (24,988) | (7,144) | (32,132) |
| Acquired loans, net | \$ 216,981 | \$ 825,629 | \$ 1,042,610 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

| (Dollars in thousands) | Loans Impaired at Acquisition | Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition | Total |
|---|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| March 31, 2012: | | | |
| FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans: | | | |
| Covered loans: | | | |
| Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT | \$ 21,956 | \$ 34,360 | \$ 56,316 |
| Commercial real estate | 35,202 | 64,632 | 99,834 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 24,513 | 19,743 | 44,256 |
| Residential real estate | 50,816 | 77,394 | 128,210 |
| Consumer | 2,057 | 4,088 | 6,145 |
| Commercial and industrial | 8,570 | 14,320 | 22,890 |
| Single pay | 5,226 | 174 | 5,400 |
| Total covered loans | \$ 148,340 | \$ 214,711 | \$ 363,051 |
| Non-covered loans: | | | |
| Commercial real estate | 353 | 610 | 963 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 22 | 61 | 83 |
| Residential real estate | 342 | 637 | 979 |
| Consumer | 2,170 | 268 | 2,438 |
| Commercial and industrial | 75 | 1,555 | 1,630 |
| Total non-covered loans | 2,962 | 3,131 | 6,093 |
| Total FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans | 151,302 | 217,842 | 369,144 |
| Less allowance for loan losses | (25,712) | (8,643) | (34,355) |
| Acquired loans, net | \$ 125,590 | \$ 209,199 | \$ 334,789 |

Contractual loan payments receivable, estimates of amounts not expected to be collected, other fair value adjustments and the resulting fair values of FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans impaired and non-impaired at the acquisition date for Savannah (December 13, 2012) are as follows:

| December 13, 2012 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| FASB ASC Topic 310-30 Loans | | | |
| (Dollars in thousands) | Loans Impaired at Acquisition | Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition | Total |
| Contractual principal and interest | \$ 155,582 | \$ 483,293 | \$ 638,875 |
| Non-accretable difference | (37,492) | (9,460) | (46,952) |
| Cash flows expected to be collected | 118,090 | 473,833 | 591,923 |
| Accretable yield | (8,615) | (51,466) | (60,081) |
| Carrying value | \$ 109,475 | \$ 422,367 | \$ 531,842 |

The table above excludes \$69.5 million (\$74.9 million in contractual principal less a \$5.4 million fair value adjustment) in acquired loans at fair value as of the acquisition date that will be accounted for under FASB ASC Topic 310-20. These loans are primarily commercial and consumer lines of credit for which the entire discount will be accreted into interest income.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

Contractual loan payments receivable, estimates of amounts not expected to be collected, other fair value adjustments and the resulting fair values of acquired loans impaired and non-impaired at the acquisition date for Peoples (April 24, 2012) are as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | April 24, 2012 | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | FASB ASC Topic 310-30 Loans | | |
| | Loans | | Total |
| | Loans Impaired at Acquisition | Not Impaired at Acquisition | |
| Contractual principal and interest | \$ 56,940 | \$ 250,023 | \$ 306,963 |
| Non-accretable difference | (21,237) | (16,560) | (37,797) |
| Cash flows expected to be collected | 35,703 | 233,463 | 269,166 |
| Accretable yield | (4,968) | (29,953) | (34,921) |
| Carrying value | \$ 30,735 | \$ 203,510 | \$ 234,245 |

Contractual loan payments receivable, estimates of amounts not expected to be collected, other fair value adjustments and the resulting carrying values of acquired loans (impaired and non-impaired) as of March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, and March 31, 2012 are as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | FASB ASC Topic 310-30 Loans | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | Loans | | |
| | Loans Impaired at Acquisition | Not Impaired at Acquisition | Total |
| March 31, 2013: | | | |
| Contractual principal and interest | \$ 336,815 | \$ 846,617 | \$ 1,183,432 |
| Non-accretable difference | (68,127) | (40,763) | (108,890) |
| Cash flows expected to be collected | 268,688 | 805,854 | 1,074,542 |
| Accretable yield | (49,659) | (99,862) | (149,521) |
| Carrying value | \$ 219,029 | \$ 705,992 | \$ 925,021 |
| Allowance for acquired loan losses | \$ (26,302) | \$ (4,975) | \$ (31,277) |
| December 31, 2012: | | | |
| Contractual principal and interest | \$ 376,894 | \$ 926,153 | \$ 1,303,047 |
| Non-accretable difference | (86,514) | (54,157) | (140,671) |
| Cash flows expected to be collected | 290,380 | 871,996 | 1,162,376 |
| Accretable yield | (48,411) | (112,438) | (160,849) |
| Carrying value | \$ 241,969 | \$ 759,558 | \$ 1,001,527 |
| Allowance for acquired loan losses | \$ (24,988) | \$ (7,144) | \$ (32,132) |
| March 31, 2012: | | | |
| Contractual principal and interest | \$ 282,499 | \$ 329,796 | \$ 612,295 |
| Non-accretable difference | (100,477) | (56,524) | (157,001) |
| Cash flows expected to be collected | 182,022 | 273,272 | 455,294 |
| Accretable yield | (30,720) | (55,430) | (86,150) |
| Carrying value | \$ 151,302 | \$ 217,842 | \$ 369,144 |
| Allowance for acquired loan losses | \$ (25,712) | \$ (8,643) | \$ (34,355) |

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The table above excludes \$70.2 million (\$75.2 million in contractual principal less a \$4.9 million discount) in acquired loans at carrying value as of March 31, 2013 accounted for under FASB ASC Topic 310-20. The table above excludes \$73.2 million (\$78.5 million in contractual principal less a \$5.3 million discount) in acquired loans at carrying value as of December 31, 2012 accounted for under FASB ASC Topic 310-20.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

Income on acquired loans that are not impaired at the acquisition date is recognized in the same manner as loans impaired at the acquisition date. A portion of the fair value discount on acquired non-impaired loans has been ascribed as an accretable yield that is accreted into interest income over the estimated remaining life of the loans. The remaining nonaccretable difference represents cash flows not expected to be collected.

The unpaid principal balance for acquired loans was \$1.2 billion, \$1.3 billion, and \$540.4 million at March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively.

The following are changes in the carrying value of acquired loans during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

| (Dollars in thousands) | FASB ASC Topic 310-30 Loans | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| | Loans Impaired at Acquisition | Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition | Total |
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | \$ 216,981 | \$ 752,414 | \$ 969,395 |
| Net reductions for payments, foreclosures, and accretion | (22,940) | (53,566) | (76,506) |
| Change in the allowance for loan losses on acquired loans | (1,314) | 2,169 | 855 |
| Balance, March 31, 2013, net of allowance for loan losses on acquired loans | \$ 192,727 | \$ 701,017 | \$ 893,744 |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$ 146,955 | \$ 223,626 | \$ 370,581 |
| Net reductions for payments, foreclosures, and accretion | (19,528) | (13,529) | (33,057) |
| Change in the allowance for loan losses on acquired loans | (1,837) | (898) | (2,735) |
| Balance, March 30, 2012, net of allowance for loan losses on acquired loans | \$ 125,590 | \$ 209,199 | \$ 334,789 |

The following are changes in the carrying amount of accretable difference for acquired impaired and non-impaired loans for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Beginning at beginning of period | \$ 160,849 | \$ 94,600 |
| Interest income | (21,712) | (9,110) |
| Reclass of nonaccretable difference due to improvement in expected cash flows | 13,812 | 8,270 |
| Other changes, net | (3,428) | (7,610) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 149,521 | \$ 86,150 |

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On December 13, 2006, the FDIC, Federal Reserve, OCC, and other regulatory agencies collectively revised the banking agencies' 1993 policy statement on the allowance for loan and lease losses to ensure consistency with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and more recent supervisory guidance. Our loan loss policy adheres to the interagency guidance.

The allowance for loan losses is based upon estimates made by management. We maintain an allowance for loan losses at a level that we believe is appropriate to cover estimated credit losses on individually evaluated loans that are determined to be impaired as well as estimated credit losses inherent in the remainder of our loan portfolio. Arriving at the allowance involves a high degree of management judgment and results in a range of estimated losses. We regularly evaluate the adequacy of the allowance through our internal risk rating system, outside credit review, and regulatory agency examinations to assess the quality of the loan portfolio and identify problem loans. The evaluation process also includes our analysis of current economic conditions, composition of the loan portfolio, past due and nonaccrual loans, concentrations of credit, lending policies and procedures, and historical loan loss experience. While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, future additions to the allowance may be necessary based on, among other factors, changes in economic conditions in our markets. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowances for losses on loans. These agencies may require management to recognize additions to the allowances based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination. Because of these and other factors, it is possible that the allowances for losses on loans may change. The provision for loan losses is charged to expense in an amount necessary to maintain the allowance at an appropriate level.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The allowance for loan losses on non-acquired loans consists of general and specific reserves. The general reserves are determined by applying loss percentages to the portfolio that are based on historical loss experience for each class of loans and management's evaluation and risk grading of the loan portfolio. Additionally, the general economic and business conditions affecting key lending areas, credit quality trends, collateral values, loan volumes and concentrations, seasoning of the loan portfolio, the findings of internal and external credit reviews and results from external bank regulatory examinations are included in this evaluation. Currently, these adjustments are applied to the non-acquired loan portfolio when estimating the level of reserve required. The specific reserves are determined on a loan-by-loan basis based on management's evaluation of our exposure for each credit, given the current payment status of the loan and the value of any underlying collateral. These are loans classified by management as doubtful or substandard. For such loans that are also classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan. Generally, the need for specific reserve is evaluated on impaired loans greater than \$250,000, and once a specific reserve is established for a loan, a charge off of that amount occurs in the quarter subsequent to the establishment of the specific reserve. Loans that are determined to be impaired are provided a specific reserve, if necessary, and are excluded from the calculation of the general reserves.

In determining the acquisition date fair value of purchased loans, and in subsequent accounting, SCBT generally aggregates purchased loans into pools of loans with common risk characteristics. Expected cash flows at the acquisition date in excess of the fair value of loans are recorded as interest income over the life of the loans using a level yield method if the timing and amount of the future cash flows of the pool is reasonably estimable. Subsequent to the acquisition date, increases in cash flows over those expected at the acquisition date are reclassified from the non-accretable difference to accretable yield and recognized as interest income prospectively. Decreases in expected cash flows after the acquisition date are recognized by recording an allowance for loan losses. Management analyzes the acquired loan pools using various assessments of risk to determine an expected loss. The expected loss is derived based upon a loss given default based upon the collateral type and/or detailed review by loan officers of loans greater than \$500,000 and the probability of default that is determined based upon historical data at the loan level. Trends are reviewed in terms of accrual status, past due status, and weighted-average grade of the loans within each of the accounting pools. In addition, the relationship between the change in the unpaid principal balance and change in the mark is assessed to correlate the directional consistency of the expected loss for each pool. Offsetting the impact of the provision established for acquired loans covered under FDIC loss share agreements, the receivable from the FDIC is adjusted to reflect the indemnified portion of the post-acquisition exposure with a corresponding credit to the provision for loan losses. (For further discussion of the Company's allowance for loan losses on acquired loans, see Business Combinations and method of Accounting for Loans Acquired in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.)

An aggregated analysis of the changes in allowance for loan losses is as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Non-acquired Loans | | Acquired Loans | | Total |
|---|-----------------------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Three months ended March 31, 2013: | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ | 44,378 | \$ | 32,132 | \$ 76,510 |
| Loans charged-off | | (4,607) | | | (4,607) |
| Recoveries of loans previously charged off | | 1,045 | | | 1,045 |
| Net charge-offs | | (3,562) | | | (3,562) |
| Provision for loan losses | | 853 | | (855) | (2) |
| Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | | | | 1,062 | 1,062 |
| Total provision for loan losses charged to operations | | 853 | | 207 | 1,060 |
| Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable | | | | (1,062) | (1,062) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ | 41,669 | \$ | 31,277 | \$ 72,946 |

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Three months ended March 31, 2012:

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ | 49,367 | \$ | 31,620 | \$ | 80,987 |
| Loans charged-off | | (5,698) | | | | (5,698) |
| Recoveries of loans previously charged off | | 1,640 | | | | 1,640 |
| Net charge-offs | | (4,058) | | | | (4,058) |
| Provision for loan losses | | 2,298 | | 2,735 | | 5,033 |
| Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | | | | (2,310) | | (2,310) |
| Total provision for loan losses charged to operations | | 2,298 | | 425 | | 2,723 |
| Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable | | | | 2,310 | | 2,310 |
| Balance at end of period | \$ | 47,607 | \$ | 34,355 | \$ | 81,962 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following tables present a disaggregated analysis of activity in the allowance for loan losses and loan balances for non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Construction & Land Development | Commercial Non-owner Occupied | Commercial Owner Occupied | Consumer Owner Occupied | Home Equity | Commercial & Industrial | Other Income Producing Property | Consumer | Other Loans | Total |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| Three months ended | | | | | | | | | | |
| March 31, 2013: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | \$ 10,836 | \$ 4,921 | \$ 8,743 | \$ 6,568 | \$ 3,626 | \$ 4,939 | \$ 3,747 | \$ 781 | \$ 217 | \$ 44,378 |
| Charge-offs | (2,197) | | (695) | (150) | (197) | (324) | (339) | (705) | | (4,607) |
| Recoveries | 258 | 254 | 10 | 89 | 72 | 99 | 9 | 254 | | 1,045 |
| Provision | 339 | 96 | 150 | 16 | 35 | 71 | 42 | 104 | | 853 |
| Balance, March 31, 2013 | \$ 9,236 | \$ 5,271 | \$ 8,208 | \$ 6,523 | \$ 3,536 | \$ 4,785 | \$ 3,459 | \$ 434 | \$ 217 | \$ 41,669 |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 1,027 | \$ 2,059 | \$ 623 | \$ 200 | \$ | \$ 84 | \$ 809 | \$ | \$ | \$ 4,802 |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | \$ 8,209 | \$ 3,212 | \$ 7,585 | \$ 6,323 | \$ 3,536 | \$ 4,701 | \$ 2,650 | \$ 434 | \$ 217 | \$ 36,867 |
| Loans: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 12,057 | \$ 4,861 | \$ 17,629 | \$ 1,177 | \$ | \$ 1,934 | \$ 4,040 | \$ | \$ | \$ 41,698 |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | 261,431 | 293,846 | 778,510 | 441,957 | 249,356 | 289,374 | 127,736 | 93,997 | 26,393 | 2,562,600 |
| Total non-acquired loans | \$ 273,488 | \$ 298,707 | \$ 796,139 | \$ 443,134 | \$ 249,356 | \$ 291,308 | \$ 131,776 | \$ 93,997 | \$ 26,393 | \$ 2,604,298 |
| Three months ended | | | | | | | | | | |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$ 12,373 | \$ 6,109 | \$ 10,356 | \$ 7,453 | \$ 4,269 | \$ 3,901 | \$ 3,636 | \$ 1,145 | \$ 125 | \$ 49,367 |
| Charge-offs | (1,010) | (1,002) | (1,495) | (446) | (500) | (330) | (455) | (409) | (51) | (5,698) |
| Recoveries | 780 | 16 | 1 | 12 | 181 | 110 | 273 | 256 | 11 | 1,640 |
| Provision | 455 | 539 | 409 | 548 | 83 | 69 | 63 | 83 | 49 | 2,298 |
| Balance, March 31, 2012 | \$ 12,598 | \$ 5,662 | \$ 9,271 | \$ 7,567 | \$ 4,033 | \$ 3,750 | \$ 3,517 | \$ 1,075 | \$ 134 | \$ 47,607 |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 2,052 | \$ 528 | \$ 294 | \$ 644 | \$ | \$ | \$ 322 | \$ | \$ | \$ 3,840 |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | \$ 10,546 | \$ 5,134 | \$ 8,977 | \$ 6,923 | \$ 4,033 | \$ 3,750 | \$ 3,195 | \$ 1,075 | \$ 134 | \$ 43,767 |
| Loans: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 22,641 | \$ 8,017 | \$ 16,895 | \$ 4,004 | \$ | \$ 884 | \$ 4,686 | \$ | \$ | \$ 57,127 |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | 272,224 | 276,027 | 727,546 | 403,693 | 258,054 | 215,199 | 125,491 | 85,350 | 16,603 | 2,380,187 |
| Total non-acquired loans | \$ 294,865 | \$ 284,044 | \$ 744,441 | \$ 407,697 | \$ 258,054 | \$ 216,083 | \$ 130,177 | \$ 85,350 | \$ 16,603 | \$ 2,437,314 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following tables present a disaggregated analysis of activity in the allowance for loan losses and loan balances for acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Commercial Loans Greater Than or Equal to \$1 Million-CBT | Commercial Real Estate | Commercial Real Estate- Construction and Development | Residential Real Estate | Commercial Consumer and Industrial | Single Pay | FASB ASC Topic 310-20 Loans | Total |
|---|--|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Three months ended | | | | | | | | |
| March 31, 2013: | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses: | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | \$ 15,408 | \$ 1,517 | \$ 1,628 | \$ 4,616 | \$ 96 | \$ 4,305 | \$ 4,562 | \$ 32,132 |
| Charge-offs | | | | | | | | |
| Recoveries | | | | | | | | |
| Provision for loan losses before benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | (452) | (675) | 856 | (55) | (7) | (522) | | (855) |
| Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | 429 | 526 | (686) | 290 | 7 | 496 | | 1,062 |
| Total provision for loan losses charged to operations | (23) | (149) | 170 | 235 | | (26) | | 207 |
| Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable | (429) | (526) | 686 | (290) | (7) | (496) | | (1,062) |
| Balance, March 31, 2013 | \$ 14,956 | \$ 842 | \$ 2,484 | \$ 4,561 | \$ 89 | \$ 3,783 | \$ 4,562 | \$ 31,277 |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | \$ 14,956 | \$ 842 | \$ 2,484 | \$ 4,561 | \$ 89 | \$ 3,783 | \$ 4,562 | \$ 31,277 |
| Loans:* | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | 48,110 | 347,238 | 110,059 | 336,030 | 13,168 | 65,684 | 4,732 | 995,255 |
| Total acquired loans | \$ 48,110 | \$ 347,238 | \$ 110,059 | \$ 336,030 | \$ 13,168 | \$ 65,684 | \$ 4,732 | \$ 995,255 |
| Three months ended | | | | | | | | |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses: | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$ 16,706 | \$ 1,318 | \$ | \$ 5,471 | \$ | \$ 4,564 | \$ 3,561 | \$ 31,620 |
| Charge-offs | | | | | | | | |
| Recoveries | | | | | | | | |
| Provision for loan losses before benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | 145 | 73 | 2,057 | (1,136) | 10 | 19 | 1,567 | 2,735 |
| Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | (138) | (69) | (1,666) | 1,079 | (9) | (18) | (1,489) | (2,310) |

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|---|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Total provision for loan losses charged to operations | 7 | 4 | 391 | (57) | 1 | 1 | 78 | 425 |
| Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable | 138 | 69 | 1,666 | (1,079) | 9 | 18 | 1,489 | 2,310 |
| Balance, March 31, 2012 | \$ 16,851 | \$ 1,391 | \$ 2,057 | \$ 4,335 | \$ 10 | \$ 4,583 | \$ 5,128 | \$ 34,355 |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | \$ 16,851 | \$ 1,391 | \$ 2,057 | \$ 4,335 | \$ 10 | \$ 4,583 | \$ 5,128 | \$ 34,355 |
| Loans:* | | | | | | | | |
| Loans individually evaluated for impairment | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loans collectively evaluated for impairment | 56,316 | 100,797 | 44,339 | 129,189 | 8,583 | 24,520 | 5,400 | 369,144 |
| Total acquired loans | \$ 56,316 | \$ 100,797 | \$ 44,339 | \$ 129,189 | \$ 8,583 | \$ 24,520 | \$ 5,400 | \$ 369,144 |

* The carrying value of FASB ASC Topic 310-30 acquired loans includes a non-accretable difference which is primarily associated with the assessment of credit quality of acquired loans.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

As part of the on-going monitoring of the credit quality of the Company's loan portfolio, management tracks certain credit quality indicators including trends related to (i) the level of classified loans, (ii) net charge-offs, (iii) non-performing loans (see details below) and (iv) the general economic conditions of the markets that we serve.

The Company utilizes a risk grading matrix to assign a risk grade to each of its loans. A description of the general characteristics of the risk grades is as follows:

- **Pass** These loans range from minimal credit risk to average however still acceptable credit risk.
- **Special mention** A special mention loan has potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or the institution's credit position at some future date.
- **Substandard** A substandard loan is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified must have a well-defined weakness, or weaknesses, that may jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. A substandard loan is characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.
- **Doubtful** A doubtful loan has all of the weaknesses inherent in one classified as substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of the currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable.

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of commercial loans for non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Construction & Development | | | Commercial Non-owner Occupied | | | Commercial Owner Occupied | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 221,162 | \$ 215,793 | \$ 219,893 | \$ 242,738 | \$ 232,714 | \$ 223,277 | \$ 735,463 | \$ 716,578 | \$ 666,023 |
| Special mention | 29,006 | 31,670 | 33,009 | 36,901 | 38,473 | 39,576 | 28,262 | 31,800 | 33,166 |
| Substandard | 23,320 | 25,957 | 41,963 | 19,068 | 18,884 | 21,191 | 32,414 | 35,774 | 45,252 |
| Doubtful | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ 273,488 | \$ 273,420 | \$ 294,865 | \$ 298,707 | \$ 290,071 | \$ 284,044 | \$ 796,139 | \$ 784,152 | \$ 744,441 |

| Commercial & Industrial | | | Other Income Producing Property | | | Commercial Total | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |

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|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pass | \$ 270,759 | \$ 265,148 | \$ 199,147 | \$ 112,843 | \$ 114,809 | \$ 110,120 | \$ 1,582,965 | \$ 1,545,042 | \$ 1,418,460 |
| Special mention | 11,400 | 8,626 | 10,964 | 9,596 | 9,324 | 9,151 | 115,165 | 119,893 | 125,866 |
| Substandard | 9,149 | 5,989 | 5,972 | 9,337 | 9,580 | 10,906 | 93,288 | 96,184 | 125,284 |
| Doubtful | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ 291,308 | \$ 279,763 | \$ 216,083 | \$ 131,776 | \$ 133,713 | \$ 130,177 | \$ 1,791,418 | \$ 1,761,119 | \$ 1,669,610 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of consumer loans for non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Consumer Owner Occupied | | | | Home Equity | | | Consumer | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 397,998 | \$ 388,822 | \$ 359,701 | \$ 235,428 | \$ 241,184 | \$ 240,251 | \$ 92,698 | \$ 85,517 | \$ 84,223 |
| Special mention | 23,410 | 24,515 | 24,079 | 8,150 | 7,837 | 11,357 | 869 | 897 | 703 |
| Substandard | 21,148 | 21,166 | 23,917 | 5,754 | 6,239 | 6,446 | 430 | 519 | 424 |
| Doubtful | 578 | | | 24 | 24 | | | 1 | |
| | \$ 443,134 | \$ 434,503 | \$ 407,697 | \$ 249,356 | \$ 255,284 | \$ 258,054 | \$ 93,997 | \$ 86,934 | \$ 85,350 |

| | Other | | | Consumer Total | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 26,393 | \$ 33,163 | \$ 16,603 | \$ 752,517 | \$ 748,686 | \$ 700,778 |
| Special mention | | | | 32,429 | 33,249 | 36,139 |
| Substandard | | | | 27,332 | 27,924 | 30,787 |
| Doubtful | | | | 602 | 25 | |
| | \$ 26,393 | \$ 33,163 | \$ 16,603 | \$ 812,880 | \$ 809,884 | \$ 767,704 |

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of total non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Total Non-acquired Loans | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 2,335,482 | \$ 2,293,728 | \$ 2,119,238 |
| Special mention | 147,594 | 153,142 | 162,005 |
| Substandard | 120,620 | 124,108 | 156,071 |
| Doubtful | 602 | 25 | |
| | \$ 2,604,298 | \$ 2,571,003 | \$ 2,437,314 |

At March 31, 2013, the aggregate amount of non-acquired substandard and doubtful loans totaled \$121.2 million. When these loans are combined with non-acquired OREO of \$19.7 million, our non-acquired classified assets (as defined by the state of South Carolina and the FDIC, our primary federal regulators) were \$140.9 million. At December 31, 2012, the amounts were \$124.1 million, \$19.1 million, and \$143.2 million, respectively. At March 31, 2012, the amounts were \$156.1 million, \$21.4 million, and \$177.5 million, respectively.

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Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of covered acquired loans, net of the related discount (this table should be read in conjunction with the allowance for acquired loan losses table found on page 21):

| (Dollars in thousands) | Commercial Loans Greater Than or Equal to \$1 million-CBT | | | Commercial Real Estate | | | Commercial Real Estate Construction and Development | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| | Pass | \$ 14,505 | \$ 14,355 | \$ 15,947 | \$ 21,208 | \$ 22,687 | \$ 31,213 | \$ 7,042 | \$ 7,134 |
| Special mention | 3,476 | 3,470 | 4,665 | 10,078 | 10,609 | 21,412 | 2,702 | 3,474 | 7,079 |
| Substandard | 30,129 | 31,859 | 35,704 | 21,539 | 29,501 | 46,774 | 17,168 | 21,154 | 25,331 |
| Doubtful | | | | 147 | 165 | 435 | 745 | 813 | 2,678 |
| | \$ 48,110 | \$ 49,684 | \$ 56,316 | \$ 52,972 | \$ 62,962 | \$ 99,834 | \$ 27,657 | \$ 32,575 | \$ 44,256 |

| | Residential Real Estate | | | Consumer | | | Commercial & Industrial | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 37,403 | \$ 41,907 | \$ 48,349 | \$ 1,912 | \$ 2,215 | \$ 2,797 | \$ 7,710 | \$ 8,073 | \$ 6,552 |
| Special mention | 18,984 | 20,915 | 25,117 | 536 | 574 | 764 | 3,816 | 3,744 | 4,529 |
| Substandard | 40,990 | 41,963 | 51,572 | 1,397 | 1,534 | 2,317 | 10,422 | 11,753 | 11,242 |
| Doubtful | 395 | 26 | 3,172 | | 1 | 267 | 30 | 30 | 567 |
| | \$ 97,772 | \$ 104,811 | \$ 128,210 | \$ 3,845 | \$ 4,324 | \$ 6,145 | \$ 21,978 | \$ 23,600 | \$ 22,890 |

| | Single Pay | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 60 | \$ 57 | \$ 730 |
| Special mention | 51 | 52 | 56 |
| Substandard | 4,621 | 4,663 | 4,614 |
| Doubtful | | | |
| | \$ 4,732 | \$ 4,772 | \$ 5,400 |

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of non-covered acquired loans, net of the related discount (this table should be read in conjunction with the allowance for acquired loan losses table found on page 21):

| (Dollars in thousands) | Commercial Real Estate | | | Commercial Real Estate Construction and Development | | | Residential Real Estate | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| Pass | \$ 162,681 | \$ 274,721 | \$ 923 | \$ 30,563 | \$ 80,008 | \$ 79 | \$ 147,347 | \$ 213,069 | \$ 766 |
| Special mention | 51,828 | 11,670 | 40 | 16,293 | 4,268 | | 32,752 | 17,324 | |
| Substandard | 79,757 | 23,571 | | 35,398 | 13,600 | 4 | 58,074 | 19,923 | 213 |
| Doubtful | | | | 148 | | | 85 | | |
| | \$ 294,266 | \$ 309,962 | \$ 963 | \$ 82,402 | \$ 97,876 | \$ 83 | \$ 238,258 | \$ 250,316 | \$ 979 |

Consumer

Commercial & Industrial

FASB ASC Topic 310-20 Loans

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| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Pass | \$ 8,302 | \$ 10,712 | \$ 1,920 | \$ 32,419 | \$ 45,973 | \$ 1,027 | \$ 52,840 | \$ 71,174 | \$ |
| Special mention | 398 | 209 | 160 | 6,940 | 1,549 | 515 | 10,877 | 574 | |
| Substandard | 623 | 440 | 358 | 4,347 | 1,762 | 88 | 6,517 | 1,467 | |
| Doubtful | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ 9,323 | \$ 11,361 | \$ 2,438 | \$ 43,706 | \$ 49,284 | \$ 1,630 | \$ 70,234 | \$ 73,215 | \$ |

The risk grading of acquired loans is determined utilizing a loan's contractual balance, while the amount recorded in the financial statements and reflected above is the carrying value. In an FDIC-assisted acquisition, covered acquired loans are initially recorded at their fair value, including a credit discount due to the high concentration of substandard and doubtful loans. In addition to the credit discount and the allowance for loan losses on covered acquired loans, the Company's risk of loss is mitigated by the FDIC loss share arrangement.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following table presents an aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | 30-59 Days Past Due | 60-89 Days Past Due | 90+ Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| March 31, 2013 | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 121 | \$ 176 | \$ 7,609 | \$ 7,906 | \$ 265,582 | \$ 273,488 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 699 | 85 | 4,236 | 5,020 | 293,687 | 298,707 |
| Commercial owner occupied | 2,138 | 1,482 | 7,708 | 11,328 | 784,811 | 796,139 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 1,631 | 516 | 3,425 | 5,572 | 437,562 | 443,134 |
| Home equity loans | 1,035 | 66 | 354 | 1,455 | 247,901 | 249,356 |
| Commercial and industrial | 302 | 970 | 703 | 1,975 | 289,333 | 291,308 |
| Other income producing property | 907 | 9 | 2,351 | 3,267 | 128,509 | 131,776 |
| Consumer | 384 | 12 | 66 | 462 | 93,535 | 93,997 |
| Other loans | 56 | 22 | 24 | 102 | 26,291 | 26,393 |
| | \$ 7,273 | \$ 3,338 | \$ 26,476 | \$ 37,087 | \$ 2,567,211 | \$ 2,604,298 |
| December 31, 2012 | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 812 | \$ 701 | \$ 10,435 | \$ 11,948 | \$ 261,472 | \$ 273,420 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 1,013 | 572 | 3,605 | 5,190 | 284,881 | 290,071 |
| Commercial owner occupied | 1,141 | 40 | 9,827 | 11,008 | 773,144 | 784,152 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 1,433 | 241 | 4,045 | 5,719 | 428,784 | 434,503 |
| Home equity loans | 735 | 170 | 395 | 1,300 | 253,984 | 255,284 |
| Commercial and industrial | 1,187 | 513 | 549 | 2,249 | 277,514 | 279,763 |
| Other income producing property | 322 | 278 | 3,253 | 3,853 | 129,860 | 133,713 |
| Consumer | 364 | 151 | 112 | 627 | 86,307 | 86,934 |
| Other loans | 49 | 41 | 36 | 126 | 33,037 | 33,163 |
| | \$ 7,056 | \$ 2,707 | \$ 32,257 | \$ 42,020 | \$ 2,528,983 | \$ 2,571,003 |
| March 31, 2012 | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 2,192 | \$ 866 | \$ 17,237 | \$ 20,295 | \$ 274,570 | \$ 294,865 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 166 | 359 | 5,615 | 6,140 | 277,904 | 284,044 |
| Commercial owner occupied | 1,126 | 403 | 13,730 | 15,259 | 729,182 | 744,441 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 1,850 | 178 | 4,838 | 6,866 | 400,831 | 407,697 |
| Home equity loans | 485 | 392 | 644 | 1,521 | 256,533 | 258,054 |
| Commercial and industrial | 235 | 88 | 957 | 1,280 | 214,803 | 216,083 |
| Other income producing property | 636 | 236 | 3,910 | 4,782 | 125,395 | 130,177 |
| Consumer | 299 | 59 | 81 | 439 | 84,911 | 85,350 |
| Other loans | 50 | 52 | 69 | 171 | 16,432 | 16,603 |
| | \$ 7,039 | \$ 2,633 | \$ 47,081 | \$ 56,753 | \$ 2,380,561 | \$ 2,437,314 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following table presents an aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | 30-59 Days Past Due | 60-89 Days Past Due | 90+ Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|
| March 31, 2013 | | | | | | |
| Covered loans: | | | | | | |
| Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT | \$ | \$ | \$ 22,667 | \$ 22,667 | \$ 25,443 | \$ 48,110 |
| Commercial real estate | 2,675 | 737 | 7,089 | 10,501 | 42,471 | 52,972 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 2,927 | 371 | 7,842 | 11,140 | 16,517 | 27,657 |
| Residential real estate | 2,831 | 878 | 9,254 | 12,963 | 84,809 | 97,772 |
| Consumer | 78 | 137 | 648 | 863 | 2,982 | 3,845 |
| Commercial and industrial | 280 | 515 | 3,987 | 4,782 | 17,196 | 21,978 |
| Single pay | 51 | | 4,123 | 4,174 | 558 | 4,732 |
| | 8,842 | 2,638 | 55,610 | 67,090 | 189,976 | 257,066 |
| Non-covered loans: | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate | 4,427 | 1,236 | 7,779 | 13,442 | 280,824 | 294,266 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 4,779 | 1,025 | 5,533 | 11,337 | 71,065 | 82,402 |
| Residential real estate | 1,627 | 4,590 | 9,813 | 16,030 | 222,228 | 238,258 |
| Consumer | 84 | 39 | 23 | 146 | 9,177 | 9,323 |
| Commercial and industrial | 126 | 553 | 404 | 1,083 | 42,623 | 43,706 |
| FASB ASC Topic 310-20 loans | 453 | 741 | 400 | 1,594 | 68,640 | 70,234 |
| | 11,496 | 8,184 | 23,952 | 43,632 | 694,557 | 738,189 |
| | \$ 20,338 | \$ 10,822 | \$ 79,562 | \$ 110,722 | \$ 884,533 | \$ 995,255 |
| December 31, 2012 | | | | | | |
| Covered loans: | | | | | | |
| Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT | \$ 922 | \$ 993 | \$ 22,471 | \$ 24,386 | \$ 25,298 | \$ 49,684 |
| Commercial real estate | 3,154 | 1,536 | 12,162 | 16,852 | 46,110 | 62,962 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 1,381 | 220 | 11,615 | 13,216 | 19,359 | 32,575 |
| Residential real estate | 2,502 | 2,636 | 12,328 | 17,466 | 87,345 | 104,811 |
| Consumer | 67 | 19 | 687 | 773 | 3,551 | 4,324 |
| Commercial and industrial | 739 | 190 | 4,870 | 5,799 | 17,801 | 23,600 |
| Single pay | 1 | 3,256 | 62 | 3,319 | 1,453 | 4,772 |
| | 8,766 | 8,850 | 64,195 | 81,811 | 200,917 | 282,728 |
| Non-covered loans: | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate | 2,712 | 770 | 5,326 | 8,808 | 301,154 | 309,962 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | 1,595 | 1,353 | 7,103 | 10,051 | 87,825 | 97,876 |
| Residential real estate | 5,109 | 2,193 | 5,987 | 13,289 | 237,027 | 250,316 |
| Consumer | 114 | 57 | 49 | 220 | 11,141 | 11,361 |
| Commercial and industrial | 529 | 97 | 277 | 903 | 48,381 | 49,284 |
| FASB ASC Topic 310-20 loans | 388 | 111 | 148 | 647 | 72,568 | 73,215 |
| | 10,447 | 4,581 | 18,890 | 33,918 | 758,096 | 792,014 |
| | \$ 19,213 | \$ 13,431 | \$ 83,085 | \$ 115,729 | \$ 959,013 | \$ 1,074,742 |
| March 31, 2012 | | | | | | |

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Covered loans:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|-------|----|-------|----|--------|----|--------|----|---------|----|---------|
| Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT | \$ | 2,507 | \$ | 1,639 | \$ | 23,743 | \$ | 27,889 | \$ | 28,427 | \$ | 56,316 |
| Commercial real estate | | 882 | | 382 | | 19,893 | | 21,157 | | 78,677 | | 99,834 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | | 945 | | 412 | | 16,030 | | 17,387 | | 26,869 | | 44,256 |
| Residential real estate | | 3,961 | | 1,535 | | 13,427 | | 18,923 | | 109,287 | | 128,210 |
| Consumer | | 105 | | 250 | | 936 | | 1,291 | | 4,854 | | 6,145 |
| Commercial and industrial | | 554 | | 355 | | 5,057 | | 5,966 | | 16,924 | | 22,890 |
| Single pay | | | | | | 3,669 | | 3,669 | | 1,731 | | 5,400 |
| | | 8,954 | | 4,573 | | 82,755 | | 96,282 | | 266,769 | | 363,051 |

Non-covered loans:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|-------|----|-------|----|--------|----|--------|----|---------|----|---------|
| Commercial real estate | | | | | | | | | | 963 | | 963 |
| Commercial real estate construction and development | | | | | | | | | | 83 | | 83 |
| Residential real estate | | 166 | | | | | | 166 | | 813 | | 979 |
| Consumer | | 63 | | 30 | | 76 | | 169 | | 2,269 | | 2,438 |
| Commercial and industrial | | 2 | | | | 10 | | 12 | | 1,618 | | 1,630 |
| | | 231 | | 30 | | 86 | | 347 | | 5,746 | | 6,093 |
| | \$ | 9,185 | \$ | 4,603 | \$ | 82,841 | \$ | 96,629 | \$ | 272,515 | \$ | 369,144 |

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following is a summary of information pertaining to impaired non-acquired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance | Recorded Investment With No Allowance | Gross Recorded Investment With Allowance | Total Recorded Investment | Related Allowance |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| March 31, 2013 | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 22,813 | \$ 8,327 | \$ 3,730 | \$ 12,057 | \$ 1,027 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 7,832 | 2,675 | 2,186 | 4,861 | 2,059 |
| Commercial owner occupied | 21,450 | 13,138 | 4,491 | 17,629 | 623 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 1,238 | | 1,177 | 1,177 | 200 |
| Home equity loans | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 3,105 | 1,596 | 338 | 1,934 | 84 |
| Other income producing property | 4,700 | 1,308 | 2,732 | 4,040 | 809 |
| Consumer | | | | | |
| Other loans | | | | | |
| Total impaired loans | \$ 61,138 | \$ 27,044 | \$ 14,654 | \$ 41,698 | \$ 4,802 |
| December 31, 2012 | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 21,350 | \$ 8,659 | \$ 4,890 | \$ 13,549 | \$ 1,573 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 7,564 | 3,148 | 2,196 | 5,344 | 411 |
| Commercial owner occupied | 23,566 | 15,698 | 4,514 | 20,212 | 648 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 2,040 | | 1,954 | 1,954 | 213 |
| Home equity loans | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 2,595 | 464 | 1,319 | 1,783 | 1,030 |
| Other income producing property | 4,656 | 1,382 | 3,011 | 4,393 | 1,004 |
| Consumer | | | | | |
| Other loans | | | | | |
| Total impaired loans | \$ 61,771 | \$ 29,351 | \$ 17,884 | \$ 47,235 | \$ 4,879 |
| March 31, 2012 | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 29,648 | \$ 17,166 | \$ 5,819 | \$ 22,985 | \$ 2,044 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 10,637 | 5,731 | 2,086 | 7,817 | 528 |
| Commercial owner occupied | 20,841 | 12,308 | 4,442 | 16,750 | 275 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 4,315 | 882 | 3,122 | 4,004 | 644 |
| Home equity loans | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 1,035 | 884 | | 884 | |

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|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Other income producing property | 5,784 | 2,290 | 2,397 | 4,687 | 349 |
| Consumer | | | | | |
| Other loans | | | | | |
| Total impaired loans | \$ 72,260 | \$ 39,261 | \$ 17,866 | \$ 57,127 | \$ 3,840 |

Acquired loans are accounted for in pools as shown on page 21 rather than being individually evaluated for impairment; therefore, the table above only pertains to non-acquired loans.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following summarizes the average investment in non-acquired impaired loans and interest income recognized on non-acquired impaired loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | Average Investment in Impaired Loans | Interest Income Recognized | Average Investment in Impaired Loans | Interest Income Recognized |
| Commercial real estate: | | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 12,790 | \$ 18 | \$ 24,009 | \$ 17 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 5,168 | 1 | 10,362 | |
| Commercial owner occupied | 18,038 | 48 | 17,888 | 44 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 1,941 | 5 | 2,974 | 22 |
| Home equity loans | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 1,438 | | 1,526 | |
| Other income producing property | 4,237 | 8 | 3,514 | 13 |
| Consumer | | | | |
| Other loans | | | | |
| Total Impaired Loans | \$ 43,612 | \$ 80 | \$ 60,273 | \$ 96 |

The following is a summary of information pertaining to non-acquired nonaccrual loans by class, including restructured loans:

| (Dollars in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Commercial non-owner occupied real estate: | | | |
| Construction and land development | \$ 10,218 | \$ 11,961 | \$ 19,811 |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 4,363 | 4,780 | 6,986 |
| Total commercial non-owner occupied real estate | 14,581 | 16,741 | 26,797 |
| Consumer real estate: | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 8,200 | 8,025 | 7,316 |
| Home equity loans | 1,520 | 1,835 | 1,156 |
| Total consumer real estate | 9,720 | 9,860 | 8,472 |
| Commercial owner occupied real estate | 11,351 | 14,146 | 14,622 |
| Commercial and industrial | 2,133 | 2,152 | 1,561 |
| Other income producing property | 5,058 | 5,405 | 6,070 |
| Consumer | 102 | 83 | 214 |
| Other loans | | | |
| Restructured loans | 13,636 | 13,151 | 12,121 |
| Total loans on nonaccrual status | \$ 56,581 | \$ 61,538 | \$ 69,857 |

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In the course of resolving delinquent loans, the Bank may choose to restructure the contractual terms of certain loans. Any loans that are modified are reviewed by the Bank to determine if a troubled debt restructuring (TDR or restructured loan) has occurred. A TDR is a modification in which the Bank grants a concession to a borrower that it would not otherwise consider due to economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties. The concessions granted on TDRs generally include terms to reduce the interest rate, extend the term of the debt obligation, or modify the payment structure on the debt obligation.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The Bank designates loan modifications as TDRs when it grants a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider due to the borrower experiencing financial difficulty (ASC Topic 310.40). Loans on nonaccrual status at the date of modification are initially classified as nonaccrual TDRs. Loans on accruing status at the date of concession are initially classified as accruing TDRs if the note is reasonably assured of repayment and performance is expected in accordance with its modified terms. Such loans may be designated as nonaccrual loans subsequent to the concession date if reasonable doubt exists as to the collection of interest or principal under the restructuring agreement. Nonaccrual TDRs are returned to accruing status when there is economic substance to the restructuring, there is documented credit evaluation of the borrower's financial condition, the remaining balance is reasonably assured of repayment in accordance with its modified terms, and the borrower has demonstrated sustained repayment performance in accordance with the modified terms for a reasonable period of time (generally a minimum of six months).

The following table presents non-acquired loans designated as TDRs segregated by class and type of concession that were restructured during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| | Number of loans | Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Number of loans | Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment |
| Interest rate modification | | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | | \$ | \$ | 1 | \$ 165 | \$ 164 |
| Commercial owner occupied | | | | 1 | 443 | 443 |
| Consumer owner occupied | 1 | 124 | 124 | 1 | 1,151 | 1,148 |
| Total interest rate modifications | 1 | \$ 124 | \$ 124 | 3 | \$ 1,759 | \$ 1,755 |
| Term modification | | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | | | | 1 | 230 | 230 |
| Commercial and industrial | 1 | 696 | 338 | | | |
| Total term modifications | 1 | \$ 696 | \$ 338 | 1 | \$ 230 | \$ 230 |
| | 2 | \$ 820 | \$ 462 | 4 | \$ 1,989 | \$ 1,985 |

At March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, and March 31, 2012, the balance of accruing TDRs was \$5.0 million, \$6.3 million, and \$6.1 million, respectively.

The following table presents the changes in status of non-acquired loans restructured within the previous 12 months as of March 31, 2013 by type of concession:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Paying Under Restructured Terms | | Converted to Nonaccrual | | Foreclosures and Defaults | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | Number of Loans | Recorded Investment | Number of Loans | Recorded Investment | Number of Loans | Recorded Investment |
| Interest rate modification | 4 | \$ 1,514 | | \$ | | \$ |
| Term modification | 4 | 5,388 | | | | |
| | 8 | \$ 6,902 | | \$ | | \$ |

The amount of specific reserve associated with non-acquired restructured loans was \$1.2 million at March 31, 2013, none of which was related to the restructured loans that had subsequently defaulted. The Company had no remaining availability under commitments to lend additional funds on these restructured loans at March 31, 2013.

Table of Contents**Note 7 FDIC Indemnification Asset**

The following table provides changes in FDIC indemnification asset:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | March 31, 2012 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 146,171 | \$ 262,651 |
| Increase (decrease) in expected losses on loans | (1,062) | 2,310 |
| Additional losses on OREO | 841 | 6,779 |
| Reimbursable expenses | 1,097 | 2,674 |
| Amortization of discounts and premiums, net | (7,171) | (3,233) |
| Reimbursements from FDIC | (15,536) | (39,850) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 124,340 | \$ 231,331 |

The FDIC indemnification asset is measured separately from the related covered assets. At March 31, 2013, the projected cash flows related to the FDIC indemnification asset for losses on assets acquired were approximately \$47.3 million less than the current carrying value. This amount is being recognized as negative accretion (in non-interest income) over the shorter of the underlying asset's remaining life or remaining term of the loss share agreements. Subsequent to March 31, 2013, the Company expects to receive \$13.0 million from loss share claims filed, including reimbursable expenses.

Included in the FDIC indemnification asset is an expected true up with the FDIC related to the BankMeridian acquisition. This amount is determined each reporting period and at March 31, 2013, was estimated to be approximately \$3.7 million at the end of the loss share agreement (in ten years). The actual payment will be determined at the end of the loss sharing agreement term for each of the three FDIC-assisted acquisitions and is based on the negative bid, expected losses, intrinsic loss estimate, and assets covered under loss share. There was no true up expected from the CBT or Habersham Bank FDIC-assisted transactions as of March 31, 2013.

Note 8 Other Real Estate Owned

The following is a summary of information pertaining to OREO at March 31, 2013:

| (Dollars in thousands) | OREO | Covered OREO | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | \$ 32,248 | \$ 34,257 | \$ 66,505 |
| Additions | 10,542 | 6,186 | 16,728 |
| Write-downs | (1,599) | (971) | (2,570) |
| Sold | (4,745) | (5,228) | (9,973) |
| Balance, March 31, 2013 | \$ 36,446 | \$ 34,244 | \$ 70,690 |

The following is a summary of information pertaining to OREO at March 31, 2012:

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| (Dollars in thousands) | OREO | | Covered OREO | | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$ | 18,022 | \$ | 65,849 | \$ 83,871 |
| Additions | | 7,569 | | 14,491 | 22,060 |
| Write-downs | | (1,288) | | (7,255) | (8,543) |
| Sold | | (2,922) | | (11,297) | (14,219) |
| Balance, March 31, 2012 | \$ | 21,381 | \$ | 61,788 | \$ 83,169 |

The covered OREO above is covered pursuant to the FDIC loss share agreements and is presented net of the related fair value discount. At March 31, 2013, there were 403 properties included in OREO, with 172 uncovered and 231 covered by loss share agreement with the FDIC. At March 31, 2012, there were 856 properties in OREO, with 92 uncovered and 764 covered by loss share agreement with the FDIC. The increase in uncovered OREO is primarily the result of the acquisition of Peoples and Savannah.

Table of Contents**Note 9 Deposits**

The Company's total deposits are comprised of the following:

| (Dollars in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Certificates of deposit | \$ 1,007,746 | \$ 1,062,842 | \$ 844,027 |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits | 1,847,689 | 1,911,673 | 1,473,986 |
| Non-interest bearing demand deposits | 1,002,662 | 981,963 | 757,777 |
| Savings deposits | 359,282 | 341,103 | 278,968 |
| Other time deposits | 1,977 | 779 | 1,879 |
| Total deposits | \$ 4,219,356 | \$ 4,298,360 | \$ 3,356,637 |

The aggregate amounts of time deposits in denominations of \$100,000 or more at March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, and March 31, 2012 were \$433.4 million, \$464.6 million and \$362.4 million, respectively. In July of 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act permanently increased the insurance limit on deposit accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000. At March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, and March 31, 2012, the Company had \$136.0 million, \$129.6 million, and \$126.9 million in certificates of deposits greater than \$250,000, respectively. At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$4.8 million and \$13.0 million in traditional, out-of-market brokered deposits. The Company did not have brokered certificates of deposit at March 31, 2012.

Note 10 Retirement Plans

The Company and the Bank provide certain retirement benefits to their employees in the form of a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan and an employees' savings plan. The non-contributory defined benefit pension plan covers all employees hired on or before December 31, 2005, who have attained age 21, and who have completed a year of eligible service. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2006 are not eligible to participate in the non-contributory defined benefit pension plan. On this date, a new benefit formula applies only to participants who have not attained age 45 or who do not have five years of service.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Company suspended the accrual of benefits for pension plan participants under the non-contributory defined benefit plan. The pension plan remained suspended as of March 31, 2013.

The components of net periodic pension expense recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |

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| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Interest cost | \$ | (250) | \$ | (258) |
| Expected return on plan assets | | 430 | | 421 |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | | (301) | | (267) |
| Net periodic pension expense | \$ | (121) | \$ | (104) |

The Company contributed \$300,000 to the pension plan for the three months ended March 31, 2013, and anticipates making similar additional contributions during the remainder of the year.

Electing employees are eligible to participate in the employees' savings plan, under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k), after attaining age 21. Plan participants elect to contribute portions of their annual base compensation as a before tax contribution. Employer contributions may be made from current or accumulated net profits. Participants may elect to contribute 1% to 50% of annual base compensation as a before tax contribution. Effective September 1, 2012, employees participating in the plan receive a 100% matching of their 401(k) plan contribution, up to 5% of salary. Prior to September 1, 2012, participating employees received a 50% matching of their 401(k) plan contribution, up to 6% of salary. The Company expensed \$500,000 and \$325,000 for the 401(k) plan during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Table of Contents**Note 10 Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Employees hired on January 1, 2006 or thereafter will not participate in the defined benefit pension plan, but are eligible to participate in the employees' savings plan.

Employees can enter the savings plan on or after the first day of each month. The employee may enter into a salary deferral agreement at any time to select an alternative deferral amount or to elect not to defer in the plan. If the employee does not elect an investment allocation, the plan administrator will select a retirement-based portfolio according to the employee's number of years until normal retirement age. The plan's investment valuations are generally provided on a daily basis.

Note 11 Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding during each period, excluding non-vested shares. The Company's diluted earnings per share are based on the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding during each period plus the maximum dilutive effect of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options or vesting of restricted shares. The weighted-average number of shares and equivalents are determined after giving retroactive effect to stock dividends and stock splits.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

| (Dollars and shares in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | March 31, 2012 |
| Basic earnings per share: | | |
| Net income | \$ 10,649 | \$ 7,028 |
| Weighted-average basic shares | 16,769 | 13,883 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.64 | \$ 0.51 |
| Diluted earnings per share: | | |
| Net income | \$ 10,649 | \$ 7,028 |
| Weighted-average basic shares | 16,769 | 13,883 |
| Effect of dilutive securities | 167 | 68 |
| Weighted-average dilutive shares | 16,936 | 13,951 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.50 |

The calculation of diluted earnings per share excludes outstanding stock options that have exercise prices greater than the average market price of the common shares for the period as follows:

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| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Number of shares | 21,361 | 216,268 |
| Range of exercise prices | \$41.45-\$41.45 | \$31.10 - \$40.99 |

Note 12 Share-Based Compensation

The Company's 1999, 2004, and 2012 share-based compensation programs are long-term retention programs intended to attract, retain, and provide incentives for key employees and non-employee directors in the form of incentive and non-qualified stock options and restricted stock.

Table of Contents**Note 12 Share-Based Compensation (Continued)***Stock Options*

With the exception of non-qualified stock options granted to directors under the 1999, 2004, and 2012 plans, which in some cases may be exercised at any time prior to expiration and in some other cases may be exercised at intervals less than a year following the grant date, incentive stock options granted under the plans may not be exercised in whole or in part within a year following the date of the grant, as these incentive stock options become exercisable in 25% increments pro ratably over the four-year period following the grant date. The options are granted at an exercise price at least equal to the fair value of the common stock at the date of grant and expire ten years from the date of grant. No options were granted under the 1999 plan after January 2, 2004, and the 1999 plan is closed other than for any options still unexercised and outstanding. No options were granted under the 2004 plan after January 26, 2012, and the 2004 plan is closed other than for any options still unexercised and outstanding. The 2012 plan is the only plan from which new share-based compensation grants may be issued. It is the Company's policy to grant options out of the 1,684,000 shares registered under the 2012 plan, of which no more than 817,476 shares can be granted as restricted stock or restricted stock units (RSUs).

Activity in the Company's stock option plans is summarized in the following table. All information has been retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits.

| Options | Number of Shares | Weighted-Average Exercise Price | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (Yrs.) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (000 \$) |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2013 | 340,140 | \$ 31.79 | | |
| Granted | 23,007 | 41.45 | | |
| Exercised | (18,211) | 28.34 | | |
| Expired/Forfeited | (1,444) | 22.13 | | |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2013 | 343,492 | 32.66 | 4.99 | \$ 6,095 |
| Exercisable at March 31, 2013 | 280,629 | 32.04 | 4.18 | \$ 5,153 |
| Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year | \$ 15.66 | | | |

The fair value of options is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and expensed over the options' vesting periods. The following weighted-average assumptions were used in valuing options issued:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Dividend yield | 1.70% | 2.10% |
| Expected life | 6 years | 6 years |

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| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Expected volatility | 42% | 46% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.02% | 1.06% |

As of March 31, 2013, there was \$759,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock option grants under the plans. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.70 years as of March 31, 2013. The total fair value of shares vested during the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$397,000.

Table of Contents**Note 12 Share-Based Compensation (Continued)***Restricted Stock*

The Company from time-to-time also grants shares of restricted stock to key employees and non-employee directors. These awards help align the interests of these employees and directors with the interests of the shareholders of the Company by providing economic value directly related to increases in the value of the Company's stock. The value of the stock awarded is established as the fair market value of the stock at the time of the grant. The Company recognizes expenses, equal to the total value of such awards, ratably over the vesting period of the stock grants. Restricted stock grants to employees typically cliff vest after four years. Grants to non-employee directors typically vest within a 12-month period.

Nonvested restricted stock for the three months ended March 31, 2013 is summarized in the following table. All information has been retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits.

| Restricted Stock | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
|------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Nonvested at January 1, 2013 | 172,847 | \$ 30.84 |
| Granted | 68,308 | 41.45 |
| Vested | (4,523) | 32.34 |
| Nonvested at March 31, 2013 | 236,632 | 33.87 |

As of March 31, 2013, there was \$5.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested restricted stock granted under the plans. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.59 years as of March 31, 2013. The total fair value of shares vested during the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$146,000.

Restricted Stock Units

The Company from time-to-time also grants performance RSUs to key employees. These awards help align the interests of these employees with the interests of the shareholders of the Company by providing economic value directly related to the performance of the Company. Performance RSU grants contain a three year performance period. The Company communicates threshold, target, and maximum performance RSU awards and performance targets to the applicable key employees at the beginning of a performance period. Dividends are not paid in respect to the awards during the performance period. The value of the RSUs awarded is established as the fair market value of the stock at the time of the grant. The Company recognizes expenses on a straight-line basis typically over three years based upon the probable performance target that will be met. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company accrued at the target RSU award level, or for 70.9% of the RSUs granted, based on Management's expectations of performance.

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Nonvested RSUs for the three months ended March 31, 2013 is summarized in the following table.

| Restricted Stock Units | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Nonvested at January 1, 2013 | | \$ |
| Granted | 36,876 | 50.45 |
| Nonvested at March 31, 2013 | 36,876 | 50.45 |

As of March 31, 2013, there was \$1.2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested RSUs granted under the plan. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.75 years as of March 31, 2013.

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Note 13 Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

In the normal course of business, the Company makes various commitments and incurs certain contingent liabilities, which are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The commitments and contingent liabilities include guarantees, commitments to extend credit, and standby letters of credit. At March 31, 2013, commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit totaled \$923.5 million. The Company does not anticipate any material losses as a result of these transactions.

The Company has been named as defendant in various legal actions, arising from its normal business activities, in which damages in various amounts are claimed. The Company is also exposed to litigation risk related to the prior business activities of banks acquired through whole bank acquisitions as well as banks from which assets were acquired and liabilities assumed in FDIC-assisted transactions. Although the amount of any ultimate liability with respect to such matters cannot be determined, in the opinion of management, any such liability will not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Note 14 Fair Value

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. FASB ASC 820 clarifies that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions.

The Company utilizes fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Available for sale securities and derivative contracts are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, the Company may be required to record at fair value other assets on a nonrecurring basis, such as loans held for sale, impaired loans, OREO, and certain other assets. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower of cost or market accounting or write-downs of individual assets.

FASB ASC 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| Level 1 | Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets; |
| Level 2 | Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and |
| Level 3 | Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions. |

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets recorded at fair value.

Investment Securities

Securities available for sale are valued on a recurring basis at quoted market prices where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable securities. Level 1 securities include those traded on an active exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ Stock Market, or U.S. Treasury securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets and money market funds. Level 2 securities include mortgage-backed securities and debentures issued by government sponsored entities, municipal bonds and corporate debt securities. Securities held to maturity are valued at quoted market prices or dealer quotes similar to securities available for sale. The carrying value of FHLB stock approximates fair value based on the redemption provisions. The Level 3 security is an unrated single-issue private placement bond that was acquired in the Savannah transaction. This security is considered a Level 3 because there is not an active market for the security. Management considers the credit quality of the underlying issuer in determining the fair value of the security.

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

Mortgage loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or market value. The fair values of mortgage loans held for sale are based on commitments on hand from investors within the secondary market for loans with similar characteristics. As such, the fair value adjustments for mortgage loans held for sale are nonrecurring Level 2.

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Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)

Loans

The Company does not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. However, from time to time, a loan may be considered impaired and an allowance for loan losses may be established. Loans for which it is probable that payment of interest and principal will not be made in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement are considered impaired. Once a loan is identified as individually impaired, management measures impairment using estimated fair value methodologies. The fair value of impaired loans is estimated using one of several methods, including collateral value, market value of similar debt, enterprise value, liquidation value and discounted cash flows. Those impaired loans not requiring an allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the expected repayments or collateral exceed the recorded investments in such loans. At March 31, 2013, substantially all of the impaired loans were evaluated based on the fair value of the collateral because such loans were considered collateral dependent. Impaired loans, where an allowance is established based on the fair value of collateral, require classification in the fair value hierarchy. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraised value, the Company considers the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 2. When an appraised value is not available or management determines the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value and there is no observable market price, the Company considers the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 3.

Other Real Estate Owned (OREO)

Typically non-covered OREO, consisting of properties obtained through foreclosure or in satisfaction of loans, is reported at fair value, determined on the basis of current appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates of value obtained principally from independent sources, adjusted for estimated selling costs (Level 2). However, both non-covered and covered OREO are considered Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy because management has qualitatively applied a discount due to the size, supply of inventory, and the incremental discounts applied to the appraisals. Management also considers other factors, including changes in absorption rates, length of time the property has been on the market and anticipated sales values, which have resulted in adjustments to the collateral value estimates indicated in certain appraisals. At the time of foreclosure, any excess of the loan balance over the fair value of the real estate held as collateral is treated as a charge against the allowance for loan losses. Gains or losses on sale and generally any subsequent adjustments to the value are recorded as a component of OREO expense, net of any FDIC indemnification proceeds in the case of covered OREO.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Fair value is estimated using pricing models of derivatives with similar characteristics; accordingly, the derivatives are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 16 Derivative Financial Instruments for additional information).

Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)***Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis*

The tables below present the recorded amount of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Fair Value | Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---|--|
| March 31, 2013: | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Derivative financial instruments | \$ 290 | \$ | \$ 290 | \$ |
| Securities available for sale: | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | 71,802 | | 71,802 | |
| State and municipal obligations | 148,897 | | 145,083 | 3,814 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 289,741 | | 289,741 | |
| Corporate stocks | 412 | 387 | 25 | |
| Total securities available for sale | 510,852 | 387 | 506,651 | 3,814 |
| | \$ 511,142 | \$ 387 | \$ 506,941 | \$ 3,814 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Derivative financial instruments | \$ 1,692 | \$ | \$ 1,692 | \$ |
| December 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Derivative financial instruments | \$ 312 | \$ | \$ 312 | \$ |
| Securities available for sale: | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | 88,518 | | 88,518 | |
| State and municipal obligations | 152,799 | | 148,948 | 3,851 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 293,187 | | 293,187 | |
| Corporate stocks | 379 | 354 | 25 | |
| Total securities available for sale | 534,883 | 354 | 530,678 | 3,851 |
| | \$ 535,195 | \$ 354 | \$ 530,990 | \$ 3,851 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Derivative financial instruments | \$ 1,813 | \$ | \$ 1,813 | \$ |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Securities available for sale: | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | \$ 66,378 | \$ | \$ 66,378 | \$ |
| State and municipal obligations | 42,008 | | 42,008 | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 213,809 | | 213,809 | |
| Corporate stocks | 393 | 368 | 25 | |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 322,588 | \$ 368 | \$ 322,220 | \$ |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Derivative financial instruments | \$ 1,280 | \$ | \$ 1,280 | \$ |

Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)***Changes in Level 1, 2 and 3 Fair Value Measurements*

There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy levels during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

When a determination is made to classify a financial instrument within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy, the determination is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors to the overall fair value measurement. However, since Level 3 financial instruments typically include, in addition to the unobservable or Level 3 components, observable components (that is, components that are actively quoted and can be validated to external sources), the gains and losses below include changes in fair value due in part to observable factors that are part of the valuation methodology.

There were no changes in hierarchy classifications of Level 3 assets or liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2012. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of Level 3 assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis for the three months ended March 31, 2013 is as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Assets | Liabilities |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Fair value, January 1, 2013 | \$ 3,851 | \$ |
| Change in unrealized loss recognized in other comprehensive income | | |
| Total realized losses included in income | | |
| Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income | | |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements, net | (37) | |
| Transfers in and/or out of level 3 | | |
| Fair value, March 31, 2013 | \$ 3,814 | \$ |

There were no unrealized losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income related to Level 3 financial assets and liabilities at March 31, 2013 or 2012.

Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

The tables below present the recorded amount of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Quoted Prices In Active | Significant |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|

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| (Dollars in thousands) | Fair Value | Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-----------------------------|------------|---|--|--|
| March 31, 2013: | | | | |
| OREO | \$ 29,508 | \$ | \$ | \$ 29,508 |
| Non-acquired impaired loans | 4,418 | | | 4,418 |
| December 31, 2012: | | | | |
| OREO | \$ 66,505 | \$ | \$ | \$ 66,505 |
| Non-acquired impaired loans | 42,356 | | | 42,356 |
| March 31, 2012: | | | | |
| OREO | \$ 37,961 | \$ | \$ | \$ 37,961 |
| Non-acquired impaired loans | 5,491 | | | 5,491 |

Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)***Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements***Recurring Measurements**

The recurring level 3 security is an unrated single-issue private placement bond acquired in the Savannah transaction. Management reviewed the financial statements of the underlying issuer as of the acquisition date, December 13, 2012, to determine the fair value discount of less than one percent and periodically monitored the issuer's credit quality for signs of impairment. Subsequent to March 31, 2013, the issuer paid off the security for \$3.8 million and the Company realized a \$31,000 gain on the payoff of the security.

| | Valuation Technique | Unobservable Input | General Range |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| Nonrecurring measurements: | | | |
| Impaired loans | Discounted appraisals | Collateral discounts | 0-25% |
| OREO | Discounted appraisals | Collateral discounts and estimated costs to sell | 0-25% |

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those models are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. In that regard, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases, could not be realized in immediate settlement of the instrument. The use of different methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts. The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management as of March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012. Such amounts have not been revalued for purposes of these consolidated financial statements since those dates and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

Cash and Cash Equivalents The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

Investment Securities Securities held to maturity are valued at quoted market prices or dealer quotes. The carrying value of FHLB stock approximates fair value based on the redemption provisions. The carrying value of the Company's investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries approximates fair value. See Note 5 Investment Securities for additional information, as well as page 37 regarding fair value.

Loans For variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. Fair values for certain mortgage loans (e.g., one-to-four family residential) and other consumer loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on the Company's current rates offered for new loans of the same type, structure and credit quality. Fair values for other loans (e.g., commercial real estate and investment property mortgage loans, commercial and industrial loans) are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered by the Company for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. Fair values for non-performing loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses or underlying collateral values, where applicable.

FDIC Receivable for Loss Share Agreements The fair value is estimated based on discounted future cash flows using current discount rates.

Deposit Liabilities The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and non-interest bearing checking, passbook savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts of variable-rate, fixed-term money market accounts, and certificates of deposit approximate their fair values at the reporting date. Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

Federal Funds Purchased and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase The carrying amount of federal funds purchased, borrowings under repurchase agreements, and other short-term borrowings maturing within ninety days approximate their fair values.

Other Borrowings The fair value of other borrowings is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis on the Company's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of instruments.

Accrued Interest The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate fair value.

Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)**

Commitments to Extend Credit, Standby Letters of Credit and Financial Guarantees The fair values of commitments to extend credit are estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present creditworthiness of the counterparties. For fixed-rate loan commitments, fair value also considers the difference between current levels of interest rates and the committed rates. The fair values of guarantees and letters of credit are based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated costs to terminate them or otherwise settle the obligations with the counterparties at the reporting date.

The estimated fair value, and related carrying amount, of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| March 31, 2013 | | | | | |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 495,869 | \$ 495,869 | \$ 495,869 | \$ | \$ |
| Investment securities | 533,255 | 534,212 | 8,192 | 522,206 | 3,814 |
| Loans, net of allowance for loan losses, and loans held for sale | 3,577,056 | 3,601,445 | | 50,449 | 3,550,996 |
| FDIC receivable for loss share agreements | 124,340 | 86,049 | | | 86,049 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 10,669 | 10,669 | | 3,068 | 7,601 |
| Interest rate swap non-designated hedge | 290 | 290 | | 290 | |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | |
| Deposits | 4,219,356 | 4,119,850 | | 4,119,850 | |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 328,701 | 328,701 | | 328,701 | |
| Other borrowings | 54,638 | 55,712 | | 55,712 | |
| Accrued interest payable | 1,602 | 1,602 | | 1,602 | |
| Interest rate swap cash flow hedge | 1,402 | 1,402 | | 1,402 | |
| Interest rate swap non-designated hedge | 290 | 290 | | 290 | |
| Off balance sheet financial instruments: | | | | | |
| Commitments to extend credit | | 6,208 | | 6,208 | |
| Standby letters of credit and financial guarantees | | | | | |
| December 31, 2012 | | | | | |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 380,730 | \$ 380,730 | \$ 380,730 | \$ | \$ |
| Investment securities | 560,091 | 561,204 | 10,122 | 547,231 | 3,851 |
| Loans, net of allowance for loan losses, and loans held for sale | 3,634,514 | 3,665,070 | | 65,279 | 3,599,791 |
| FDIC receivable for loss share agreements | 146,171 | 101,898 | | | 101,898 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 8,190 | 8,190 | | 8,190 | |
| Interest rate swap non-designated hedge | 312 | 312 | | 312 | |

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Financial liabilities:

| | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Deposits | 4,298,360 | 4,216,800 | 4,216,800 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 238,621 | 238,621 | 238,621 |
| Other borrowings | 54,897 | 57,903 | 57,903 |
| Accrued interest payable | 2,045 | 2,045 | 2,045 |
| Interest rate swap cash flow hedge | 1,501 | 1,501 | 1,501 |
| Interest rate swap non-designated hedge | 312 | 312 | 312 |

Off balance sheet financial instruments:

| | | | |
|--|--|-------|-------|
| Commitments to extend credit | | 7,371 | 7,371 |
| Standby letters of credit and financial guarantees | | | |

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| (Dollars in thousands) | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|--|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| March 31, 2012 | | | | | |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 403,222 | \$ 403,222 | \$ 403,222 | | |
| Investment securities | 357,448 | 358,544 | 18,660 | 339,884 | |
| Loans, net of allowance for loan losses, and loans held for sale | 2,759,202 | 2,787,818 | | 34,706 | 2,753,112 |
| FDIC receivable for loss share agreements | 231,331 | 143,643 | | | 143,643 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 9,253 | 9,253 | | 9,253 | |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | |
| Deposits | 3,356,637 | 3,324,145 | | 3,324,145 | |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 235,412 | 235,412 | | 235,412 | |
| Other borrowings | 46,397 | 49,128 | | 49,128 | |
| Accrued interest payable | 1,688 | 1,688 | | 1,688 | |
| Interest rate swap cash flow hedge | 1,280 | 1,280 | | 1,280 | |
| Off balance sheet financial instruments: | | | | | |
| Commitments to extend credit | | 7,025 | | 7,025 | |
| Standby letters of credit and financial guarantees | | | | | |

Note 15 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The changes in each components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, were as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Benefit Plans | Unrealized Gains and Losses on Securities Available for Sale | Gains and Losses on Cash Flow Hedges | Total |
|--|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2012 | \$ (7,458) | \$ 8,764 | \$ (930) | \$ 376 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications | | (1,982) | 18 | (1,964) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | | | 45 | 45 |
| Net comprehensive income (loss) | | (1,982) | 63 | (1,919) |
| Balance at March 31, 2013 | \$ (7,458) | \$ 6,782 | \$ (867) | \$ (1,543) |

The tables below present the reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

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| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Component | Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | Income Statement Line Item Affected |
|---|---|---|
| Gains and losses on cash flow hedges: | | |
| Interest rate contracts | \$ | 73 Interest expense (28) Provision for income taxes 45 Net income |
| Total reclassifications for the period | \$ | 45 |

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Note 16 Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk in the course of its business operations and manages a portion of this risk through the use of a derivative financial instrument in the form of an interest rate swap (cash flow hedge). The Company accounts for its interest rate swap in accordance with FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, which requires that all derivatives be recognized as assets or liabilities in the balance sheet at fair value. For more information regarding the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments, see Note 14 to these financial statements.

The Company utilizes the interest rate swap agreement to convert a portion of its variable-rate debt to a fixed rate (cash flow hedge). For derivatives designated as hedging exposure to variable cash flows of a forecasted transaction (cash flow hedge), the effective portion of the derivative's gain or loss is initially reported as a component of other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the forecasted transaction affects earnings or when the hedge is terminated. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss is reported in earnings immediately. For derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments, changes in the fair value of the derivatives are recognized in earnings immediately.

In applying hedge accounting for derivatives, the Company establishes a method for assessing the effectiveness of the hedging derivative and a measurement approach for determining any ineffective aspect of the hedge upon the inception of the hedge.

Cash Flow Hedge of Interest Rate Risk

During 2009, the Company entered into a forward starting interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$8.0 million to manage interest rate risk due to periodic rate resets on its junior subordinated debt issued by SCBT Capital Trust II, an unconsolidated subsidiary of the Company established for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities. The Company hedges the variable rate cash flows of subordinated debt against future interest rate increases by using an interest rate swap to effectively fix the rate on the debt beginning on June 15, 2010, at which time the debt contractually converted from a fixed interest rate to a variable interest rate. This hedge expires on June 15, 2019. The notional amount on which the interest payments are based will not be exchanged. This derivative contract calls for the Company to pay a fixed rate of 4.06% on \$8.0 million notional amount and receive a variable rate of three-month LIBOR on the \$8.0 million notional amount.

The Company recognized an after-tax unrealized gain on its cash flow hedge in other comprehensive income of \$63,000 and \$69,000 at March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company recognized a \$1.4 million and a \$1.3 million cash flow hedge liability in other liabilities on the balance sheet at March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. There was no ineffectiveness in the cash flow hedge during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

Credit risk related to the derivative arises when amounts receivable from the counterparty (derivative dealer) exceed those payable. The Company controls the risk of loss by only transacting with derivative dealers that are national market makers whose credit ratings are strong. Each party to the interest rate swap is required to provide collateral in the form of cash or securities to the counterparty when the counterparty's exposure to a mark-to-market replacement value exceeds certain negotiated limits. These limits are typically based on current credit ratings and vary with ratings changes. As of March 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company was required to provide \$1.6 million and \$1.4 million of collateral, respectively, which is included in cash and cash equivalents on the balance sheet as interest-bearing deposits with banks. Also, the Company has

a netting agreement with the counterparty.

Non-designated Hedges of Interest Rate Risk

As of March 31, 2013, the Company has two interest rate swap contracts that were classified as non-designated hedges that were acquired through the merger transaction with Savannah. These derivatives are not designated as hedges and are not speculative in nature. One of the derivatives is an interest rate swap that was executed with a commercial borrower to facilitate a respective risk management strategy and allow the customer to pay a fixed rate of interest to the Company. This interest rate swap was simultaneously hedged by executing an offsetting interest rate swap that was entered into with a third party to minimize the net risk exposure to the Company resulting from the transactions and allow the Company to receive a variable rate of interest.

The interest rate swap contract with the commercial borrower requires the borrower to pay or receive from the Company an amount equal to and offsetting the value of the interest rate swap. If the commercial borrower fails to perform and the market value for the interest rate swap with the third party is negative (net liability position), the Company would be obligated to pay the settlement amount for the financial derivative. If the market value for the interest rate swap with the third party is positive (net asset position), the Company would receive a payment for the settlement amount for the financial derivative. The settlement amount is determined by the fluctuation of interest rates.

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As the interest rate swaps associated with this program do not meet the strict hedge accounting requirements, changes in the fair value of both the customer swaps and the offsetting swaps are recognized directly in earnings. As of March 31, 2013, the interest rate swaps had an aggregate notional amount of approximately \$4.5 million and the fair value of these two offsetting interest rate swap derivatives are recorded in other assets and in other liabilities for \$290,000 on the balance sheet. The net effect of recording the derivatives at fair value through earnings was immaterial to the Company's financial condition and results of operations during 2013.

The Company also has an agreement with the third party in this derivative relationship that contains a provision where if the Company defaults on any of its indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness has not been accelerated by the lender, then the Company could also be declared in default on its derivative obligations. As of March 31, 2013, the fair value of the interest rate swap derivative with the third party was in a net liability position of \$290,000, which excludes any adjustment for nonperformance risk, related to these agreements. As of March 31, 2013, SCBT was required to provide \$354,000 of collateral, which is included in cash and cash equivalents on the balance sheet as interest-bearing deposits with banks. If the Company had breached any of these provisions at March 31, 2013, it would have been required to settle its obligations under the agreements at the termination value, \$297,000 at March 31, 2013.

Note 17 Capital Ratios

The Company is subject to certain risk-based capital guidelines. Certain ratios measure the relationship of capital to a combination of balance sheet and off-balance sheet risks. The values of both balance sheet and off-balance sheet items are adjusted to reflect credit risk. Under the guidelines promulgated by the Federal Reserve, which are substantially similar to those of the FDIC, Tier 1 risk-based capital must be at least 4% of risk-weighted assets, while total risk-based capital must be at least 8% of risk-weighted assets.

In conjunction with the risk-based capital ratios, the regulatory agencies have also prescribed a leverage capital ratio for assessing capital adequacy.

The Company's capital adequacy ratios for the following periods are reflected below:

| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| SCBT Financial Corporation: | | | |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 13.21% | 12.73% | 14.55% |
| Total risk-based capital | 14.47% | 13.99% | 15.82% |
| Tier 1 leverage | 8.88% | 9.87% | 9.23% |
| SCBT: | | | |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 12.92% | 12.51% | 14.34% |
| Total risk-based capital | 14.19% | 13.78% | 15.62% |

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|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tier 1 leverage | 8.69% | 9.70% | 9.11% |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|

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Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations relates to the financial statements contained in this Quarterly Report beginning on page 1. For further information, refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Overview

We are a bank holding company headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, and were incorporated under the laws of South Carolina in 1985. We provide a wide range of banking services and products to our customers through our wholly-owned bank subsidiary, SCBT (the "Bank"), a South Carolina-chartered commercial bank that opened for business in 1934. We operate as NCBT, a division of the Bank, in Mecklenburg County of North Carolina, Community Bank & Trust ("CBT"), a division of the Bank, in northeast Georgia, and The Savannah Bank ("Savannah"), a division of the Bank, in coastal Georgia. Minis & Company, Inc., is a registered investment advisory firm and a subsidiary of the Bank which provides asset and wealth management services along with our trust and investment services group. We do not engage in any significant operations other than the ownership of our banking subsidiary.

At March 31, 2013, we had approximately \$5.1 billion in assets and 1,311 full-time equivalent employees. Through the Bank, we provide our customers with checking accounts, NOW accounts, savings and time deposits of various types, brokerage services and alternative investment products such as annuities and mutual funds, trust and asset management services, business loans, agriculture loans, real estate loans, personal use loans, home improvement loans, automobile loans, credit cards, letters of credit, home equity lines of credit, safe deposit boxes, bank money orders, wire transfer services, correspondent banking services, and use of ATM facilities.

We have pursued, and continue to pursue, a growth strategy that focuses on organic growth, supplemented by acquisition of select financial institutions, branches, or failed bank assets and liabilities in certain market areas.

The following discussion describes our results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2012 and also analyzes our financial condition as of March 31, 2013 as compared to December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012. Like most financial institutions, we derive most of our income from interest we receive on our loans and investments. Our primary source of funds for making these loans and investments is our deposits, on which we may pay interest. Consequently, one of the key measures of our success is the amount of our net interest income, or the difference between the income on our interest-earning assets, such as loans and investments, and the expense on our interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits. Another key measure is the spread between the yield we earn on these interest-earning assets and the rate we pay on our interest-bearing liabilities.

Of course, there are risks inherent in all loans, so we maintain an allowance for loan losses (sometimes referred to as "ALLL") to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We establish and maintain this allowance by charging a provision for loan losses against our operating earnings. In the following section, we have included a detailed discussion of this process.

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In addition to earning interest on our loans and investments, we earn income through fees and other expenses we charge to our customers. We describe the various components of this noninterest income, as well as our noninterest expense, in the following discussion.

The following section also identifies significant factors that have affected our financial position and operating results during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. We encourage you to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the financial statements and the related notes and the other statistical information also included in this report.

Recent Events

First Financial Holdings, Inc. Acquisition

On February 19, 2013, SCBT entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Agreement) with First Financial Holdings, Inc. (First Financial) of Charleston, South Carolina, the bank holding company for First Federal Bank. Other First Financial subsidiaries include First Southeast 401(k) Fiduciaries, Inc., a registered investment advisor, and First Southeast Services, Inc., a registered broker-dealer. See Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions for further discussion.

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Critical Accounting Policies

We have established various accounting policies that govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States in the preparation of our financial statements. Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. These policies may involve significant judgments and estimates that have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities. Different assumptions made in the application of these policies could result in material changes in our financial position and results of operations.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses reflects the estimated losses that will result from the inability of our bank's borrowers to make required loan payments. In determining an appropriate level for the allowance, we identify portions applicable to specific loans as well as providing amounts that are not identified with any specific loan but are derived with reference to actual loss experience, loan types, loan volumes, economic conditions, and industry standards. Changes in these factors may cause our estimate of the allowance to increase or decrease and result in adjustments to the provision for loan losses. See Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses in this 10-Q, Provision for Loan Losses and Nonperforming Assets in this MD&A and Allowance for Loan Losses in Note 1 to the audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for further detailed descriptions of our estimation process and methodology related to the allowance for loan losses.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the sum of the estimated fair values of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired less the estimated fair value of the liabilities assumed. As of March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012, the balance of goodwill was \$100.5 million, \$100.6 million, and \$62.9 million, respectively. Goodwill has an indefinite useful life and is evaluated for impairment annually or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the asset's fair value. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step test. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, involves comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment.

If required, the second step involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which the first step indicated impairment. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in a manner similar to the amount of goodwill calculated in a business combination, by measuring the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in the first step, over the aggregate estimated fair values of the individual assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. If the implied fair value of goodwill exceeds the carrying value of goodwill assigned to the reporting unit, there is no impairment. If the carrying value of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. An impairment loss cannot exceed the carrying value of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit, and the loss establishes a new basis in the goodwill. Subsequent reversal of goodwill impairment losses is not permitted. Management has determined that the Company has one reporting unit.

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Our stock price has historically traded above its book value and tangible book value. The lowest trading price during the first quarter of 2013, as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market, was \$39.56 per share, and the stock price closed on March 31, 2013 at \$50.40, which is above book value and tangible book value. In the event our stock was to consistently trade below its book value during the reporting period, we would consider performing an evaluation of the carrying value of goodwill as of the reporting date. Such a circumstance would be one factor in our evaluation that could result in an eventual goodwill impairment charge. We evaluated the carrying value of goodwill as of April 30, 2013, our annual test date, and determined that no impairment charge was necessary. Additionally, should our future earnings and cash flows decline and/or discount rates increase, an impairment charge to goodwill and other intangible assets may be required.

Core deposit intangibles consist of costs that resulted from the acquisition of deposits from other financial institutions or the estimated fair value of these assets acquired through business combinations. Core deposit intangibles represent the estimated value of long-term deposit relationships acquired in these transactions. These costs are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the deposit accounts acquired on a method that we believe reasonably approximates the anticipated benefit stream from the accounts. The estimated useful lives are periodically reviewed for reasonableness.

Noncompete intangibles are amortized over the life of the underlying noncompete agreements (generally 2 to 3 years) on the straight-line method. The estimated lives are periodically reviewed for reasonableness.

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Client list intangibles are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the client lists (generally 15 years) on the straight-line method. The estimated lives are periodically reviewed for reasonableness.

Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Assets

Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of the transactions reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes related primarily to differences between the basis of available-for-sale securities, allowance for loan losses, accumulated depreciation, net operating loss carryforwards, accretion income, deferred compensation, intangible assets, and pension plan and post-retirement benefits. The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be taxable or deductible when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are reflected at income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled. As changes in tax laws or rates are enacted, deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted through the provision for income taxes. The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return with its subsidiary.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties accrued relative to unrecognized tax benefits in its respective federal or state income taxes accounts. As of December 31, 2012, there were no accruals for uncertain tax positions and no accruals for interest and penalties. The Company and its subsidiary file a consolidated United States federal income tax return, as well as income tax returns for its subsidiary in the state of South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina. The Company's filed income tax returns are no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for years before 2009.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairment (OTTI)

We evaluate securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) the outlook for receiving the contractual cash flows of the investments, (4) the anticipated outlook for changes in the general level of interest rates, and (5) our intent and ability to retain our investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value or for a debt security whether it is more-likely-than-not that the Company will be required to sell the debt security prior to recovering its fair value. For further discussion of the Company's evaluation of securities for other-than-temporary impairment, see Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Other Real Estate Owned (OREO)

OREO, consisting of properties obtained through foreclosure or through a deed in lieu of foreclosure in satisfaction of loans or through reclassification of former branch sites, is reported at the lower of cost or fair value, determined on the basis of current appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates of value obtained principally from independent sources, adjusted for estimated selling costs. Management also considers other factors, including changes in absorption rates, length of time the property has been on the market and anticipated sales values, which have resulted in adjustments to the collateral value estimates indicated in certain appraisals. At the time of foreclosure or initial possession of collateral, any excess of the loan balance over the fair value of the real estate held as collateral is treated as a charge against the allowance for loan losses. For acquired OREO, the loan is transferred into OREO at its fair value not to exceed the carrying value of the loan at foreclosure.

Subsequent adjustments to this value are described below.

Subsequent declines in the fair value of OREO below the new cost basis are recorded through valuation adjustments. Significant judgments and complex estimates are required in estimating the fair value of OREO, and the period of time within which such estimates can be considered current is significantly shortened during periods of market volatility. In response to market conditions and other economic factors, management may utilize liquidation sales as part of its problem asset disposition strategy. As a result of the significant judgments required in estimating fair value and the variables involved in different methods of disposition, the net proceeds realized from sales transactions could differ significantly from appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates used to determine the fair value of OREO. Management reviews the value of OREO each quarter and adjusts the values as appropriate. Revenue and expenses from OREO operations as well as gains or losses on sales and any subsequent adjustments to the value are recorded as OREO expense and loan related expense, a component of non-interest expense, and, for covered OREO, offset with an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset.

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Business Combinations, Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired, and FDIC Indemnification Asset

We account for acquisitions under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, which requires the use of the acquisition method of accounting. All identifiable assets acquired, including loans, are recorded at fair value. No allowance for loan losses related to the acquired loans is recorded on the acquisition date because the fair value of the loans acquired incorporates assumptions regarding credit risk.

Acquired credit-impaired loans are accounted for under the accounting guidance for loans and debt securities acquired with deteriorated credit quality, found in FASB ASC Topic 310-30, *Receivables Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality*, formerly American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement of Position (SOP) 03-3, *Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer*, and initially measured at fair value, which includes estimated future credit losses expected to be incurred over the life of the loans. Loans acquired in business combinations with evidence of credit deterioration are considered impaired. Loans acquired through business combinations that do not meet the specific criteria of FASB ASC Topic 310-30, but for which a discount is attributable, at least in part to credit quality, are also accounted for under this guidance. Certain acquired loans, such as lines of credit (consumer and commercial), are accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 310-20, where the discount is accreted through earnings based on estimated cash flows over the estimated life of the loan.

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 805, the FDIC indemnification asset was initially recorded at its fair value and is measured separately from the loan assets and foreclosed assets because the loss sharing agreements are not contractually embedded in them or transferrable with them in the event of disposal.

For further discussion of the Company's loan accounting and acquisitions, see *Business Combinations and Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, Note 4 *Mergers and Acquisitions* to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and Note 6 *Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses* to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Results of Operations

We reported consolidated net income available to common shareholders of \$10.6 million, or diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$0.63, for the first quarter of 2013 as compared to consolidated net income available to common shareholders of \$7.0 million, or diluted EPS of \$0.50, in the comparable period of 2012. This \$3.6 million increase was the net result of the following items:

- Improved net interest income of \$14.8 million due primarily to improved interest income on the acquired loan portfolio of \$14.2 million, the increase in earning assets from the acquisitions of Peoples and Savannah, and reduced interest expense on deposits of \$935,000; these were partially offset by reduced interest income on non-acquired loans of \$1.7 million.
- A decrease in the provision for loan losses by \$1.7 million over the comparable quarter;

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- An increase in all categories of non-interest expense totaling \$11.2 million. The larger increases were \$5.2 million in salaries and benefits, \$1.9 million in merger and conversion related, \$684,000 in net occupancy, \$534,000 in amortization of intangibles, and \$724,000 in information services expense; and
- An increase in the provision for income taxes of \$1.6 million due to the higher pre-tax net income.

We believe our asset quality related to non-acquired loans continues to be at manageable levels and improved from the end of 2012 as well as from March 31, 2012. Non-acquired nonperforming assets declined from \$81.1 million at December 31, 2012 to \$76.4 million at March 31, 2013. Compared to the balance of nonperforming assets at March 31, 2012, nonperforming assets decreased \$15.0 million due to a reduction in nonperforming loans of \$13.3 million. Our non-acquired OREO increased slightly by \$611,000 from the end of 2012 and decreased by \$1.7 million from March 31, 2012 to \$19.7 million at March 31, 2013. During the first quarter of 2013, classified assets declined by \$2.3 million from December 31, 2012 to \$140.9 million at March 31, 2013. Since March 31, 2012, classified assets have declined by \$36.6 million. Accruing non-acquired loans 30-89 days past due are relatively flat compared to the levels at December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012. Annualized net charge-offs for the first quarter of 2013 was 0.56%, down from the fourth quarter of 2012 of 0.77% and from the first quarter of 2012 of 0.66%.

The allowance for loan losses decreased to 1.60% of total non-acquired loans at March 31, 2013, down from 1.73% at December 31, 2012 and 1.95% at March 31, 2012. The allowance provides 0.73 times coverage of nonperforming loans at March 31, 2013, higher than 0.72 times at December 31, 2012, and 0.68 times at March 31, 2012.

The Company performs ongoing assessments of the estimated cash flows of its acquired loan portfolios. Increases in cash flow expectations result in a favorable adjustment to interest income over the remaining life of the related loans, and decreases in cash flow expectations result in an immediate recognition of a provision for loans losses, in both cases, net of any adjustments to the receivable from the FDIC for loss sharing. These ongoing assessments of the acquired loan portfolio resulted in a positive impact to

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interest income from a reduction in expected credit losses, which was partially offset by a charge to noninterest income for the impact of reduced cash flows from the FDIC under the loss share agreement during the first quarter of 2013. Below is a summary of the first quarter of 2013 assessment of the estimated cash flows of the acquired loan portfolio and the related impact on the indemnification asset:

- The review of the performance of the loan pools during the first quarter resulted in a net increase in the overall cash flow expectations for the acquired loans; and
- The negative accretion of the indemnification asset also increased due to the reduced cash flow expected from the FDIC.

As of March 31, 2013, the Company has not made any changes to the estimated cash flow assumptions or expected losses for the acquired loans from the Savannah acquisitions.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2012, our non-acquired loan portfolio has increased \$33.3 million or 5.2% annualized, to \$2.6 billion, driven by increases in commercial owner occupied loans of \$12.0 million, or 6.1% annualized, commercial and industrial of \$11.5 million, or 16.5% annualized, commercial non-owner occupied of \$8.6 million, or 11.9% annualized, and consumer owner occupied of \$8.6 million, or 8.0% annualized. The acquired loan portfolio decreased by \$79.5 million due to the continued decline from charge offs, transfers to OREO and payoffs. For the period ended March 31, 2013, mortgage loans originated and held for sale in the secondary market decreased by \$14.8 million as refinancing activity and home sales declined seasonally.

Non-taxable equivalent net interest income for the quarter increased \$14.8 million or 37.8% compared to the first quarter of 2012. Non-taxable equivalent net interest margin increased by 20 basis points to 4.86% from the first quarter of 2012 of 4.66% due to the increase in average earning assets and the 18 basis point decrease in the rate on interest-bearing liabilities to 27 basis points at March 31, 2013 from 45 basis points at March 31, 2012. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2012, net interest margin (taxable equivalent) increased by 6 basis points. Interest earning assets yield increased by 4 basis points from the increase in the average balance of the acquired loan portfolios. Interest bearing liabilities yield declined by 3 basis points compared to the fourth quarter of 2012 from continued decline in interest bearing deposits.

Our quarterly efficiency ratio decreased to 72.4% compared to 81.0% in the fourth quarter of 2012, and was relatively flat from 72.0% in the first quarter of 2012. The decrease in the efficiency ratio compared to the fourth quarter of 2012 was the result of improved net interest income and a decrease in noninterest expense. The slight increase in the efficiency ratio over the first quarter of 2012 was the result of much higher noninterest expense in 2013 than the first quarter of 2012, partially offset by much higher net interest income. Noninterest expense was up \$9.4 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2012 and up \$7.3 million compared to the first quarter of 2012, excluding merger and conversion related expenses. Excluding OREO and merger and conversion related expenses, the efficiency ratio was 64.5% for the first quarter of 2013, compared to 62.84% for the fourth quarter of 2012 and 66.27% for the first quarter of 2012.

Diluted EPS increased to \$0.63 for the first quarter of 2013 from \$0.50 for the comparable period in 2012. Basic EPS increased to \$0.64 for the first quarter of 2013 from \$0.51 for the comparable period in 2012. The increase in both diluted and basic EPS reflects improved net interest income and a lower provision for loan losses partially offset by an increase in noninterest expense.

Selected Figures and Ratios

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| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Return on average assets (annualized) | 0.84% | 0.71% |
| Return on average equity (annualized) | 8.45% | 7.37% |
| Return on average tangible equity (annualized)* | 11.92% | 9.57% |
| Dividend payout ratio ** | 28.75% | 34.00% |
| Equity to assets ratio | 10.00% | 9.55% |
| Average shareholders equity (in thousands) | \$ 511,392 | \$ 383,377 |

* - Ratio is a non-GAAP financial measure. The section titled "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP" below provides a table that reconciles non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures.

** - See explanation of the dividend payout ratio below.

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- For the three months ended March 31, 2013, return on average assets (ROAA), return on average equity (ROAE) and return on average tangible equity increased compared to the same period in 2012. The increases were driven by a 51.5% increase in net income from the comparable quarter in 2012, partially offset by an increase in average assets due to the acquisitions of Savannah and Peoples.
- Dividend payout ratio decreased to 28.75% for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared with 34.00% for the three months ended March 31, 2012. The decrease from the comparable period in 2012 reflects the higher net income in the first quarter of 2013 generated by an increase in net interest income and partially offset by higher non-interest expense. The dividend payout ratio is calculated by dividing total dividends paid during the quarter by the total net income reported for the same period.
- Equity to assets ratio increased to 10.00% at March 31, 2013 compared with 9.55% at March 31, 2012. The increase in the equity to assets ratio reflects a 27.1% increase in assets as a result of the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions and organic growth compared to the 33.0% increase in equity as a result of the Company's retained earnings, the issuance of \$68.8 million in common equity in the Savannah acquisition, and the issuance of \$31.2 million in common equity in the Peoples acquisition.
- Quarterly average shareholders' equity increased \$128.0 million, or 33.4%, from the quarter ended March 31, 2012 driven by the issuance of \$68.8 million in common equity in the Savannah acquisition during the fourth quarter of 2012 and the issuance of \$31.2 million of equity in the Peoples acquisition during the second quarter of 2012.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Return on average tangible equity (non-GAAP) | 11.92% | 9.57% |
| Effect to adjust for intangible assets | -3.47% | -2.20% |
| Return on average equity (GAAP) | 8.45% | 7.37% |
| Adjusted average shareholders' equity (non-GAAP) | \$ 386,135 | \$ 309,288 |
| Average intangible assets | 125,257 | 74,089 |
| Average shareholders' equity (GAAP) | \$ 511,392 | \$ 383,377 |
| Adjusted net income (non-GAAP) | \$ 11,345 | \$ 7,360 |
| Amortization of intangibles | (1,034) | (500) |
| Tax effect | 338 | 168 |
| Net income (GAAP) | \$ 10,649 | \$ 7,028 |

The return on average tangible equity is a non-GAAP financial measure. It excludes the effect of the average balance of intangible assets and adds back the after-tax amortization of intangibles to GAAP basis net income. Management believes that this non-GAAP measure provides additional useful information, particularly since this measure is widely used by industry analysts following companies with prior merger and acquisition activities. Non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance or financial condition as promulgated under GAAP, and investors should consider the company's performance and financial condition as reported under GAAP and all other relevant information when assessing the performance or financial condition of the company. Non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools, and investors should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results or financial condition as reported under GAAP.

Net Interest Income and Margin

Summary

Our taxable equivalent (TE) net interest margin increased by 24 basis points from the first quarter of 2012, due to the growth in interest earning assets from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions, organic loan growth, and an increase in low cost funding in core deposits and a decline in time deposits. The net interest margin increased by 6 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2012 to 4.94%. Yields on average earning assets increased on a linked quarter basis while interest bearing liabilities continue to decline by 3 basis points. The yields on our acquired loan portfolios decreased by 1.86% from the fourth quarter of 2012. This was the result of adding the Savannah acquired loan portfolio at lower yields. Compared to March 31, 2012, the yield on interest earning assets increased by 3 basis points and the rate on interest bearing liabilities declined by 18 basis points, resulting in a 24 basis points difference in the net interest margin.

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The Company remained in an excess liquidity position during the first quarter of 2013, and the impact represented an estimated 20 basis points reduction in the net interest margin compared to 18 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2012.

Net interest income increased from the first quarter of 2012 and was driven by a reduced cost of funds and growth in average interest-earning assets due to the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions as well as organic growth. Certificates of deposit average rates declined by 28 basis points compared to the same quarter one year ago, and declined by 12 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2012. The year over year decline in interest expense totaled \$815,000, as the cost of certificates of deposits dropped and the mix of funding shifted to lower costing transaction accounts. Non-TE net interest income increased from the first quarter of 2012 as a result of a volume increase in interest-earning assets. The cost on interest bearing liabilities decreased by 18 basis points during this period. Acquired loan portfolio balances from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions and average investment securities were up and contributed to the increase in non-TE net interest income. The increase in interest income was \$13.9 million driven by organic loan growth and the addition of the Peoples and Savannah acquired loan portfolios, and the increase in average investment securities, primarily resulting from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | March 31, 2012 |
| Non-TE net interest income | \$ 53,801 | \$ 39,038 |
| Non-TE yield on interest-earning assets | 5.07% | 5.04% |
| Non-TE rate on interest-bearing liabilities | 0.27% | 0.45% |
| Non-TE net interest margin | 4.86% | 4.66% |
| TE net interest margin | 4.94% | 4.70% |

Non-TE net interest income increased \$14.8 million, or 37.8%, in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. Some key highlights are outlined below:

- Average interest-earning assets increased 33.1% to \$4.5 billion in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the same period last year due largely to the acquisitions of Peoples and Savannah.
- Non-TE yield on interest-earning assets for the first quarter of 2013 increased 3 basis points from the comparable period in 2012, and increased by 4 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2012. The yield on a portion of our earning assets adjusts simultaneously, but to varying degrees of magnitude, with changes in the general level of interest rates.
- The average cost of interest-bearing liabilities for the first quarter of 2013 decreased 18 basis points from the same period in 2012, and decreased by 3 basis points compared to the fourth quarter of 2012. The decrease since the first quarter of 2012 and the fourth quarter of 2012 is a reflection of the certificates of deposits repricing at lower interest rates as well as higher costing certificate balances accounting for a smaller portion of our total deposits.
- TE net interest margin increased by 24 basis points in the first quarter of 2013, compared to the first quarter of 2012. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2012, TE net interest margin increased by 6 basis points.

Loans

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Total loans, net of deferred loan costs and fees (excluding mortgage loans held for sale) increased by \$793.1 million, or 28.3%, at March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. Acquired covered loans decreased by \$106.0 million due to principal payments, charge offs, and foreclosures. Acquired non-covered loans increased by \$732.1 million due to the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions during 2012. Non-acquired loans or legacy SCBT loans increased by \$167.0 million, or 6.9%, from March 31, 2012 to March 31, 2013. The increase was driven by loan growth in commercial owner occupied loans of \$51.7 million, consumer owner occupied loans of \$35.4 million, commercial and industrial loans of \$75.2 million, commercial non-owner occupied loans of \$14.7 million, consumer loans of \$8.6 million, other income producing property loans of \$1.6 million, and other loans of \$9.8 million. Partially offsetting the growth were reductions in construction and land development loans of \$21.4 million and home equity loans of \$8.7 million.

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The following table presents a summary of the loan portfolio by category:

| (Dollars in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | % of Total | December 31, 2012 | % of Total | March 31, 2012 | % of Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Acquired covered loans | \$ 257,066 | 7.1% | \$ 282,728 | 7.8% | \$ 363,051 | 12.9% |
| Acquired non-covered loans | 738,189 | 20.5% | 792,014 | 21.7% | 6,093 | 0.2% |
| Non-acquired loans: | | | | | | |
| Commercial non-owner occupied real estate: | | | | | | |
| Construction and land development | 273,488 | 7.6% | 273,420 | 7.5% | 294,865 | 10.5% |
| Commercial non-owner occupied | 298,707 | 8.3% | 290,071 | 8.0% | 284,044 | 10.1% |
| Total commercial non-owner occupied real estate | 572,195 | 15.9% | 563,491 | 15.5% | 578,909 | 20.6% |
| Consumer real estate: | | | | | | |
| Consumer owner occupied | 443,134 | 12.3% | 434,503 | 11.9% | 407,697 | 14.5% |
| Home equity loans | 249,356 | 6.9% | 255,284 | 7.0% | 258,054 | 9.2% |
| Total consumer real estate | 692,490 | 19.2% | 689,787 | 18.9% | 665,751 | 23.7% |
| Commercial owner occupied real estate | 796,139 | 22.1% | 784,152 | 21.5% | 744,441 | 26.5% |
| Commercial and industrial | 291,308 | 8.1% | 279,763 | 7.7% | 216,083 | 7.7% |
| Other income producing property | 131,776 | 3.7% | 133,713 | 3.7% | 130,177 | 4.6% |
| Consumer non real estate | 93,997 | 2.6% | 86,934 | 2.4% | 85,350 | 3.0% |
| Other | 26,393 | 0.8% | 33,163 | 0.8% | 16,603 | 0.8% |
| Total non-acquired loans | 2,604,298 | 72.4% | 2,571,003 | 70.5% | 2,437,314 | 86.9% |
| Total loans (net of unearned income) | \$ 3,599,553 | 100.0% | \$ 3,645,745 | 100.0% | \$ 2,806,458 | 100.0% |

Note: Loan data excludes mortgage loans held for sale.

Our loan portfolio remains our largest category of interest-earning assets. Non-acquired commercial non-owner occupied real estate loans represented 15.9% of total loans as of March 31, 2013 a decrease from 20.6% of total loans at the end of the same period for 2012 and an increase from 15.4% of total loans at December 31, 2012. At March 31, 2013, non-acquired construction and land development loans represented 7.6% of our total loan portfolio, a decrease from 10.6% of our total loan portfolio at March 31, 2012. At March 31, 2013, non-acquired construction and land development loans consisted of \$158.8 million in land and lot loans and \$114.7 million in construction loans, which represented 6.1% and 4.4%, respectively, of our total non-acquired loan portfolio. At December 31, 2012, non-acquired construction and land development loans consisted of \$164.8 million in land and lot loans and \$108.6 million in construction loans, which represented 6.4% and 4.2%, respectively, of our total non-acquired loan portfolio.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Average total loans | \$ 3,573,554 | \$ 2,813,748 |
| Interest income on total loans | 52,002 | 39,456 |
| Non-TE yield | 5.90% | 5.64% |

Interest earned on loans increased \$12.5 million, or 31.8%, in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. Some key highlights for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 are outlined below:

- Our non-TE yield on total loans increased 26 basis points during the first quarter of 2013 while average total loans increased 27.0%, as compared to the first quarter of 2012. The increase in average total loans was a result of the growth in both non-acquired loans, due to organic growth, and acquired loans, due to the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions during 2012. The acquired loan portfolio effective yield declined primarily due to the impact of the addition of the Savannah acquired loan portfolio at lower yields. This resulted in a yield of 9.5%, compared to approximately 10.2% one year ago.
- Acquired covered loans had a balance of \$257.1 million at the end of the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$363.1 million in March of 2012.
- Acquired non-covered loans grew to a balance of \$738.2 million at the end of the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$6.1 million in the comparable period of 2012 due to the loans acquired in the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions.
- Construction and land development loans decreased \$21.4 million, or 7.3%, to \$273.5 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2012. We have continued to reduce the level of these loans in our portfolio given the current economic environment and the risk involved with this type of loan.

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- Commercial non-owner occupied loans increased \$14.7 million, or 5.2%, to \$298.7 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2012.
- Consumer real estate loans increased \$26.7 million, or 4.0%, to \$692.5 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2012. The increase resulted from a \$35.4 million, or 8.7%, increase in consumer owner occupied loans, partially offset by a \$8.7 million, or 3.4%, decrease in home equity lines of credit (HELOCs) from the balance at March 31, 2012.
- Commercial owner occupied loans increased \$51.7 million, or 6.9%, to \$796.1 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2012.
- Commercial and industrial loans increased \$75.2 million, or 34.8%, to \$291.3 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2012.
- Consumer non-real estate loans increased \$8.6 million, or 10.1%, to \$94.0 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2012.
- Commercial loans and HELOCs with interest rate floors locked in above 5.00% had a balance of \$152.1 million, which has helped keep our non-TE yield up.

The balance of mortgage loans held for sale decreased \$14.8 million from December 31, 2012 to \$50.4 million at March 31, 2013, and increased by \$15.7 million compared to the balance of mortgage loans held for sale at March 31, 2012 of \$34.7 million. The decrease from December 31, 2012 reflects the decreased customer demand for mortgage refinancing.

Investment Securities

We use investment securities, our second largest category of earning assets, to generate interest income through the deployment of excess funds, to provide liquidity, to fund loan demand or deposit liquidation, and to pledge as collateral for public funds deposits and repurchase agreements. At March 31, 2013, investment securities totaled \$533.3 million, compared to \$560.1 million at December 31, 2012 and \$357.4 million at March 31, 2012. The increase in investment securities from the comparable period of 2012 was primarily the result of the purchase of \$117.0 million of investment securities as well as the acquisition of \$175.9 million in Peoples investment securities and \$71.9 million in Savannah investment securities partially offset by \$189.0 million in sold, maturing or called securities that were typically purchased in higher interest rate environments. This resulted in average and period-end balances increasing by 70.5% and 49.2%, respectively, from March 31, 2012.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Average investment securities | \$ 553,214 | \$ 324,473 |
| Interest income on investment securities | 3,367 | 2,231 |
| Non-TE yield | 2.42% | 2.77% |

Interest earned on investment securities increased 50.9% in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. The increase resulted largely from the \$228.7 million increase in average investment securities for the first quarter, which was largely the result of purchases of GSEs and mortgage-backed securities as well as the addition of the securities from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions, partially offset by a 32 basis point decrease in the average yield.

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Our holdings of GSE debt, state and municipal obligations, mortgage-backed securities, and equity securities at March 31, 2013 had fair market values that, on a net basis, exceeded their book values and resulted in an unrealized gain. The following table provides a summary of the credit ratings for our investment portfolio (including held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities) at the end of the first quarter of 2013:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | Unrealized Gain (Loss) | AAA - A | BBB | BB or Lower | Not Rated |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|--------|----------------|------------|
| March 31, 2013 | | | | | | | |
| Government-sponsored entities debt | \$ 71,408 | \$ 71,802 | \$ 394 | \$ 71,408 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| State and municipal obligations | 159,576 | 164,451 | 4,875 | 154,605 | 695 | | 4,276 |
| Mortgage-backed securities * | 283,349 | 289,742 | 6,393 | | | | 283,349 |
| Corporate stocks | 241 | 412 | 171 | | | | 241 |
| | \$ 514,574 | \$ 526,407 | \$ 11,833 | \$ 226,013 | \$ 695 | \$ | \$ 287,866 |

* - Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) are guaranteed by the issuing GSE as to the timely payments of principal and interest. Except for Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) securities, which have the full faith and credit backing of the United States Government, the GSE alone is responsible for making payments on this guaranty. While the rating agencies have not rated any of the MBS issued, senior debt securities issued by GSEs are rated consistently as Triple-A. Most market participants consider agency MBS as carrying an implied AAA rating because of the guarantees of timely payments and selection criteria of mortgages backing the securities. We do not own any private label mortgage-backed securities.

At March 31, 2013, we had 69 securities available for sale in an unrealized loss position, which totaled \$704,000.

During the first quarter of 2013 as compared to the first quarter of 2012, the total number of securities with an unrealized loss position increased by 57 securities, while the total dollar amount of the unrealized loss increased by \$502,000.

All securities available for sale in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2013 continue to perform as scheduled. We have evaluated the cash flows and determined that all contractual cash flows should be received; therefore impairment is temporary because we have the ability to hold these securities within the portfolio until the maturity or until the value recovers, and we believe that it is not likely that we will be required to sell these securities prior to recovery. We continue to monitor all of these securities with a high degree of scrutiny. There can be no assurance that we will not conclude in future periods that conditions existing at that time indicate some or all of these securities are other than temporarily impaired, which would require a charge to earnings in such periods. Any charges for OTTI related to securities available-for-sale would not impact cash flow, tangible capital or liquidity.

Although securities classified as available for sale may be sold from time to time to meet liquidity or other needs, it is not our normal practice to trade this segment of the investment securities portfolio. While management generally holds these assets on a long-term basis or until maturity, any short-term investments or securities available for sale could be converted at an earlier point, depending partly on changes in interest rates and alternative investment opportunities.

Other Investments

Other investment securities include primarily our investments in Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLB) stock with no readily determinable market value. Prior to July 2, 2012, other investments also included our investment in Federal Reserve Bank stock, which was liquidated for no gain or loss on that date. The amortized cost and fair value of all these securities are equal at March 31, 2013. As of March 31, 2013, the investment in FHLB stock represented approximately \$6.2 million, or 0.1% as a percentage of total assets. The following factors have been evaluated and considered in determining the carrying amount of the FHLB stock:

- We evaluate ultimate recoverability of the par value.
- We currently have sufficient liquidity or have access to other sources of liquidity to meet all operational needs in the foreseeable future, and would not have the need to dispose of this stock below the recorded amount.
- Historically, the FHLB does not allow for discretionary purchases or sales of this stock. Redemptions of the stock occur at the discretion of the FHLB, subsequent to the maturity or redemption of outstanding advances held by the member institutions. During the first quarter of 2013, the FHLB redeemed approximately \$2.0 million of our investment, at par value.
- Given the expectation that the various FHLBs have a high degree of government support, we have determined that the debt ratings are likely to remain unchanged and the FHLB has the ability to absorb economic losses.

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- Our holdings of FHLB stock are not intended for the receipt of dividends or stock growth, but for the purpose and right to receive advances, or funding. We deem the FHLB's process of determining after each quarter end whether it will pay a dividend and, if so, the amount, as essentially similar to standard practice by most dividend-paying companies. Based on the FHLB's performance over the past fifteen consecutive quarters, starting with the second quarter 2009, the FHLB has announced a dividend payment after each quarter's performance, with the most recent dividend payment of 2.32% on March 28, 2013 related to the fourth quarter 2012.

For the reasons above, we have concluded that our holdings of FHLB stock are not other than temporarily impaired as of March 31, 2013 and ultimate recovery of the par value of this investment is probable.

Interest-Bearing Liabilities

Interest-bearing liabilities include interest-bearing transaction accounts, savings deposits, CDs, other time deposits, federal funds purchased, and other borrowings. Interest-bearing transaction accounts include NOW, HSA, IOLTA, and Market Rate checking accounts.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | 2013 | March 31, 2012 |
| Average interest-bearing liabilities | \$ 3,610,924 | \$ 2,846,175 |
| Interest expense | 2,368 | 3,182 |
| Average rate | 0.27% | 0.45% |

The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities increased in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. The decrease in interest expense was largely driven by a decline in the average rates on CDs and transaction and money market accounts. Overall, we experienced a 18 basis point decrease in the average rate on all interest-bearing liabilities. Some key highlights are outlined below:

- Average interest-bearing deposits for the three months ended March 31, 2013 grew 25.9% from the same period in 2012.
- Interest-bearing deposits increased 23.8% to \$3.2 billion at March 31, 2013 from the period end balance at March 31, 2012 of \$2.6 billion. This was the result of the addition of \$793.4 million of interest-bearing deposits from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions, which was partially offset by a decline in interest-bearing deposits of \$175.5 million from the remaining franchise. The Company continues to monitor and adjust rates paid on deposit products as part of its strategy to manage its net interest margin.
- The average rate on transaction and money market account deposits for the three months ended March 31, 2013 decreased 15 basis points from the comparable period in 2012, which contributed to a decrease of \$402,000 in interest expense for the first quarter of 2013. The impact of the decrease in rates was partially offset by an increase in volume as the average balance increased \$421.6 million to \$1.9 billion at March 31, 2013 compared to the same quarter in 2012.
- Average certificates of deposit and other time deposits increased 18.7%, up \$162.7 million from the average balance in the first quarter of 2012. Interest expense on certificates of deposit and other time deposits decreased \$468,000 mainly as a result of a 28 basis point decrease in the interest rate for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012.

- A decline in interest rates contributed significantly to a \$815,000, or 25.6%, reduction in interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012.

Noninterest-Bearing Deposits

Noninterest-bearing deposits are transaction accounts that provide our Bank with interest-free sources of funds. Average noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$269.0 million, or 38.4%, to \$969.4 million in the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$700.4 million at March 31, 2012. From the fourth quarter of 2012, average noninterest-bearing deposits grew \$83.2 million, or 9.4%. Excluding the noninterest-bearing deposits acquired in the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions, period end noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$68.3 million, or 9.0%, from the balance at March 31, 2012.

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We have established an allowance for loan losses through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. The ALLL represents an amount we believe will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We assess the adequacy of the ALLL by using an internal risk rating system, independent credit reviews, and regulatory agency examinations all of which evaluate the quality of the loan portfolio and seek to identify problem loans. Based on this analysis, management and the board of directors consider the current allowance to be adequate. Nevertheless, our evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant change. Actual losses may vary from our estimates, and there is a possibility that charge-offs in future periods could exceed the ALLL as estimated at any point in time.

In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of the examination process, periodically review our Bank's ALLL. Such agencies may require additions to the ALLL based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

Loans acquired in the CBT, Habersham, BankMeridian, Peoples and Savannah acquisitions were recorded at their acquisition date fair value, which was based on expected cash flows and included an estimation of expected future loan losses, including principal and interest. Our initial estimates of credit losses on loans acquired in the Savannah and Peoples acquisitions continue to be adequate, and there is no evidence of additional credit deterioration that would require additional allowance for loan loss as of March 31, 2013, nor changes in the initial valuation estimates of Peoples or Savannah. Under current accounting principles, information regarding our estimate of loan fair values may be adjusted for a period of up to one year as we continue to refine our estimate of expected future cash flows in the acquired portfolio. If we determine that losses arise after the acquisition date, generally the additional losses will be reflected as a provision for loan losses, and offset with an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset for those acquired loans covered by loss sharing agreements. The Peoples and Savannah acquisitions were not part of any loss share agreements with the FDIC, therefore, there is no offset for any additional losses recorded in a provision for loan losses. See Business Combinations and Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for further discussion of the method of accounting for acquired loans.

During the first quarter of 2013, we decreased the net loan loss reserve by \$855,000 on certain acquired loan pools due to evidence of improvement in the cash flows in these pools during the quarterly review process, which resulted in a \$207,000 net provision for loan losses on acquired loans.

The following table presents a summary of the changes in the ALLL for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | | | 2012 | | |
| | Non-acquired | Acquired | Total | Non-acquired | Acquired | Total |
| | Loans | Loans | | Loans | Loans | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 44,378 | \$ 32,132 | \$ 76,510 | \$ 49,367 | 31,620 | \$ 80,987 |
| Loans charged-off | (4,607) | | (4,607) | (5,698) | | (5,698) |
| Recoveries of loans previously charged off | 1,045 | | 1,045 | 1,640 | | 1,640 |
| Net charge-offs | (3,562) | | (3,562) | (4,058) | | (4,058) |
| Provision for loan losses | 853 | (855) | (2) | 2,298 | 2,735 | 5,033 |

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|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements | | 1,062 | 1,062 | | (2,310) | (2,310) |
| Total provision for loan losses charged to operations | 853 | 207 | 1,060 | 2,298 | 425 | 2,723 |
| Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable | | (1,062) | (1,062) | | 2,310 | 2,310 |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 41,669 | \$ 31,277 | \$ 72,946 | \$ 47,607 | \$ 34,355 | \$ 81,962 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|--|--|--------------|--|--|
| Total non-acquired loans: | | | | | | |
| At period end | 2,604,298 | | | \$ 2,437,314 | | |
| Average | 2,576,545 | | | 2,456,080 | | |
| Net charge-offs as a percentage of average non-acquired loans (annualized) | 0.56% | | | 0.66% | | |
| Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of period end non-acquired loans | 1.60% | | | 1.95% | | |
| Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of period end non-performing non-acquired loans (NPLs) | 73.49% | | | 68.02% | | |

The allowance for loan losses as a percent of non-acquired loans reflects a decrease due primarily to the decline in our three-year historical charge off rate. Additionally, our classified loans, nonaccrual loans, and non-performing loans declined during the first

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quarter of 2013 compared to the same quarter in 2012 and to the fourth quarter of 2013. Seventy percent of the charge-off amount for the first quarter of 2013 was comprised of ten loans ranging from approximately \$121,000 to \$593,000. The remainder of the charge-offs were less than \$121,000 per loan for the quarter. Of the total net charge-offs during the quarter, 54.4% or \$1.9 million were construction and land development loans, 9.3% or \$330,000 were other income producing property loans, 19.2% or \$685,000 were commercial owner-occupied loans, and 12.7% or \$451,000 were other consumer loans. We remain aggressive in charging off loans resulting from the decline in the appraised value of the underlying collateral (real estate) and the overall concern that borrowers will be unable to meet the contractual payments of principal and interest. Excluding acquired assets, nonperforming loans decreased by \$13.3 million during the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012 and decreased by \$5.3 million from the fourth quarter of 2012. The ratio of the ALLL to cover these loans increased from 68.0% at March 31, 2012 to 73.5% at March 31, 2013.

We decreased the ALLL compared to the first quarter of 2012 and the fourth quarter of 2012, due primarily to the improvement in asset quality metrics during the first quarter of 2013. On a general basis, we consider three-year historical loss rates on all loan portfolios, except residential lot loans where two-year historical loss rates are applied. We also consider economic risk, model risk and operational risk when determining the ALLL. All of these factors are reviewed and adjusted each reporting period to account for management's assessment of loss within the loan portfolio. Overall, the general reserve decreased by \$6.9 million compared to the balance at March 31, 2012 and by \$2.6 million from December 31, 2012.

The historical loss rates on an overall basis were down on an annualized basis to 0.56% as of March 31, 2013 from the December 31, 2012 level of 0.64%, and from the March 31, 2012 level of 0.66%.

Economic risk decreased by 9 basis points during the first quarter of 2013 as compared to first quarter of 2012 and was level with the fourth quarter of 2012. The improvement from one year ago was due to improved home sales, lower unemployment rate and a decrease in bankruptcies and foreclosures.

Model risk declined 4 basis points from the first quarter of 2012 and remained flat compared to the fourth quarter of 2012. This risk comes from the fact that our ALLL model is not all-inclusive. Risk inherent with new products, new markets, and timeliness of information are examples of this type of exposure. Management has reduced this factor since our model has been used for over four years, and we believe more adequately addresses this inherent risk in our loan portfolio.

Operational risk consists of the underwriting, documentation, closing and servicing associated with any loan. This risk is managed through policies and procedures, portfolio management reports, best practices and the approval process. The risk factors evaluated include the following: exposure outside our deposit footprint, changes in underwriting standards, levels of past due loans, loan growth, supervisory loan to value exceptions, results of external loan reviews, our centralized loan documentation process and significant loan concentrations. At March 31, 2013, the overall operational risk remained consistent from the levels at December 31, 2012 and down by 7 basis points compared to March 31, 2012. This improvement was due primarily to the improvement in the levels of classified loans, past dues and nonaccrual loans from the first quarter of 2012.

On a specific reserve basis, the allowance for loan losses decreased by \$100,000 from December 31, 2012, and increased by approximately \$1.0 million from March 31, 2012. The loan balances being evaluated for specific reserves decreased from \$57.1 million at March 31, 2012 to \$41.7 million at March 31, 2013. Our practice, generally, is that once a specific reserve is established for a loan, a charge off occurs in the quarter subsequent to the establishment of the specific reserve.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the decline in our total nonperforming assets (NPA s) was reflective of improvement in the real estate market and economy. The table below summarizes our NPAs for the past five quarters.

| (Dollars in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | September 30, 2012 | June 30, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Nonaccrual loans (1) | \$ 42,945 | \$ 48,387 | \$ 46,295 | \$ 47,940 | \$ 59,278 |
| Accruing loans past due 90 days or more | 121 | 500 | 156 | 137 | 130 |
| Restructured loans - nonaccrual | 13,636 | 13,151 | 12,882 | 9,530 | 10,578 |
| Total nonperforming loans | 56,702 | 62,038 | 59,333 | 57,607 | 69,986 |
| Other real estate owned (OREO) (2) | 19,680 | 19,069 | 22,424 | 25,518 | 21,381 |
| Other nonperforming assets (3) | | | | | 24 |
| Total nonperforming assets excluding acquired assets | 76,382 | 81,107 | 81,757 | 83,125 | 91,391 |
| Covered OREO (2) | 34,244 | 34,257 | 47,063 | 53,146 | 61,788 |
| Acquired OREO not covered under loss share | 16,766 | 13,179 | 5,059 | 5,745 | |
| Other covered nonperforming assets (3) | 26 | 44 | 57 | 73 | 215 |
| Total nonperforming assets including covered assets | \$ 127,418 | \$ 128,587 | \$ 133,936 | \$ 142,089 | \$ 153,394 |

Excluding Acquired Assets

| | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total NPAs as a percentage of total loans and repossessed assets (4) | 2.91% | 3.13% | 3.22% | 3.32% | 3.72% |
| Total NPAs as a percentage of total assets | 1.49% | 1.58% | 1.89% | 1.90% | 2.26% |
| Total NPLs as a percentage of total loans (4) | 2.18% | 2.41% | 2.36% | 2.32% | 2.87% |

Including Acquired Assets

| | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total NPAs as a percentage of total loans and repossessed assets (4) | 3.47% | 3.46% | 4.31% | 4.55% | 5.31% |
| Total NPAs as a percentage of total assets | 2.48% | 2.50% | 3.10% | 3.25% | 3.79% |
| Total NPLs as a percentage of total loans (4) | 1.58% | 1.70% | 1.95% | 1.89% | 2.49% |

(1) Excludes the acquired loans that are contractually past due 90 days or more totaling \$79.6 million, \$83.1 million, \$71.3 million, \$71.3 million, and \$82.8 million as of March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, September 30, 2012, June 30, 2012, and March 31, 2012, respectively, including the valuation discount. Acquired loans are considered to be performing due to the application of the accretion method under FASB ASC Topic 310-30. (For further discussion of the Company s application of the accretion method, see Business Combinations and Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012).

(2) Includes certain real estate acquired as a result of foreclosure and property not intended for bank use.

(3) Consists of non-real estate foreclosed assets, such as repossessed vehicles.

(4) Loan data excludes mortgage loans held for sale.

Excluding the acquired loans, total nonaccrual loans, including restructured loans, were \$56.6 million, or 2.18% of total loans, a decrease of \$13.3 million or 19.0% from March 31, 2012. The decrease in nonaccrual loans was driven by a decrease in consumer nonaccrual loans of \$1.9 million and a decrease in commercial nonaccrual loans of \$11.4 million.

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Nonaccrual non-acquired loans and restructured loans decreased by approximately \$5.3 million during the first quarter of 2013 from the level December 31, 2012. This decrease was the net result of \$2.6 million in charge offs, \$3.6 million in transfers to OREO, \$3.1 million in payments, \$1.5 million returning to accruing loans, and \$5.9 million in additions.

At March 31, 2013, non-acquired OREO increased by \$611,000 million from December 31, 2012. At March 31, 2013, non-acquired OREO consisted of 95 properties with an average value of \$207,000, a decrease of \$3,000 from December 31, 2012 when we had 91 properties. In the first quarter of 2013, we added 19 properties with an aggregate value of \$3.6 million into non-acquired OREO, and we sold 15 properties with a basis of \$2.0 million in the quarter. We recorded a net gain on sales of \$7,500 for the quarter. We wrote down OREO properties by \$1.1 million during the first quarter of 2013. Our non-covered OREO balance of \$19.7 million at March 31, 2013 is comprised of 17% in the Low Country/Orangeburg region, 40% in the Coastal (Beaufort to Myrtle Beach region), 13% in the Charlotte region, and 14% in the Upstate (Greenville) region.

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Overall, we continue to believe that the loan portfolio remains manageable in terms of charge-offs and NPAs as a percentage of total loans. Given the industry-wide rise in credit costs, we have taken additional proactive measures to identify problem loans, including in-house and independent review of larger transactions. Our policy for evaluating problem loans includes obtaining new certified real estate appraisals as needed. We continue to monitor and review frequently the overall asset quality within the loan portfolio.

Potential Problem Loans

Potential problem loans (excluding acquired loans), which are not included in nonperforming loans, amounted to approximately \$7.2 million, or 0.28%, of total non-acquired loans outstanding at March 31, 2013, compared to \$17.5 million, or 0.72%, of total non-acquired loans outstanding at March 31, 2012, and compared to \$8.0 million, or 0.31% of total non-acquired loans outstanding at December 31, 2012. Potential problem loans represent those loans where information about possible credit problems of the borrowers has caused management to have serious concern about the borrower's ability to comply with present repayment terms.

Noninterest Income

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | March 31, 2012 |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | \$ 5,761 | \$ 5,447 |
| Bankcard services income | 3,893 | 3,320 |
| Mortgage banking income | 3,395 | 1,830 |
| Trust and investment services income | 2,314 | 1,397 |
| Accretion on FDIC indemnification asset | (7,171) | (3,233) |
| Other | 1,331 | 712 |
| Total noninterest income | \$ 9,523 | \$ 9,473 |

Excluding the negative accretion on the FDIC indemnification asset, noninterest income increased 31.4% in the first quarter of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. The quarterly increase in total noninterest income primarily resulted from the following:

- Mortgage banking income increased 85.5%, driven by a \$1.6 million increase in mortgage banking income generated from lower interest rates and increased volume (refinancing) of mortgage banking activity in the secondary market during the first quarter of 2013.
- Bankcard services income increased 17.3%, largely driven by an increase in debit card income. Debit card income increased 18.0%, or \$474,000, due to organic growth as well as an increased customer base from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions.
- Trust and investment services income increased 65.6%, driven primarily by the addition of investment services income generated by Minis & Co., Inc, acquired in the Savannah transaction.
- Other noninterest income increased 86.9%, driven by \$368,000 in recoveries on acquired loans and an \$151,000 increase in the cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance.

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- Negative accretion on the FDIC indemnification asset increased \$3.9 million, resulting from decreases in expected cash flows from the FDIC. This decrease in expected cash flows from the FDIC was driven by improvement in the cash flows in certain acquired loan pools.

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| (Dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | March 31, 2012 |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 23,252 | \$ 18,048 |
| Information services expense | 3,192 | 2,468 |
| OREO expense and loan related | 3,102 | 2,716 |
| Net occupancy expense | 2,932 | 2,248 |
| Furniture and equipment expense | 2,572 | 2,239 |
| Merger and conversion related expense | 1,963 | 96 |
| Business development and staff related | 1,228 | 752 |
| FDIC assessment and other regulatory charges | 1,224 | 1,037 |
| Bankcard expense | 1,164 | 902 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 1,034 | 500 |
| Advertising and marketing | 842 | 757 |
| Professional fees | 691 | 633 |
| Other | 3,245 | 2,823 |
| Total noninterest expense | \$ 46,441 | \$ 35,219 |

Noninterest expense increased \$11.2 million or 31.9% in the first quarter of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. The quarterly increase in total noninterest expense primarily resulted from the following:

- Salaries and employee benefits expense increased by \$5.2 million or 28.8% driven by the addition of staff from the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions during 2012 and increases in both incentive and merit pay for employees.
- Net occupancy expense increased \$684,000 or 30.4% driven by an increase in depreciation expense and lease expense due largely to the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions.
- Information services expense increased \$724,000 or 29.3% due to an increase in computer servicing, internet banking servicing, and outside processing and analysis.
- Amortization of intangibles increased by \$534,000 or 106.8% due to the additional amortization of the core deposit, noncompete, and client list intangibles from the Savannah and Peoples acquisitions.
- Merger and conversion related expenses increased by \$1.8 million due to the merger costs related to the Savannah acquisition driving merger expense higher in the first quarter of 2013.

Income Tax Expense

Our effective income tax rate decreased to 32.7% for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 compared to 33.5% for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. The lower effective tax rate is attributable to tax exempt income on municipal bonds making up a larger percentage of pre-tax net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.

Capital Resources

Our ongoing capital requirements have been met primarily through retained earnings, less the payment of cash dividends. Equity increased during the first quarter by net income, or \$10.6 million, less the dividend paid during the quarter of approximately \$3.1 million. As of March 31, 2013, shareholders' equity was \$514.2 million, an increase of \$6.7 million, or 1.3%, from \$507.5 million at December 31, 2012, and an increase of \$127.7 million or 33.00% from \$386.5 million at March 31, 2012. The driving factor for the increase from the comparable period of 2012 was the issuance of common shares in the Peoples acquisition fair valued at \$31.1 million and the Savannah acquisition fair valued at \$68.8 million. Our equity-to-assets ratio increased to 10.00% at March 31, 2013 from 9.88% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2012 and increased from 9.55% at the end of the comparable period of 2012.

We are subject to certain risk-based capital guidelines. Certain ratios measure the relationship of capital to a combination of balance sheet and off-balance sheet risks. The values of both balance sheet and off-balance sheet items are adjusted to reflect credit risk. Under the guidelines promulgated by the Federal Reserve, which are substantially similar to those of the FDIC, Tier 1 risk-based capital must be at least 4% of risk-weighted assets, while total risk-based capital must be at least 8% of risk-weighted assets.

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In conjunction with the risk-based capital ratios, the regulatory agencies have also prescribed a leverage capital ratio for assessing capital adequacy.

The Company's capital adequacy ratios for the following periods are reflected below:

| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| SCBT Financial Corporation: | | | |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 13.21% | 12.73% | 14.55% |
| Total risk-based capital | 14.47% | 13.99% | 15.82% |
| Tier 1 leverage | 8.88% | 9.87% | 9.23% |
| SCBT: | | | |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 12.92% | 12.51% | 14.34% |
| Total risk-based capital | 14.19% | 13.78% | 15.62% |
| Tier 1 leverage | 8.69% | 9.70% | 9.11% |

Compared to December 31, 2012, our Tier 1 risk-based capital and total risk-based capital have increased due primarily to an increase in capital and a slight decrease in risk-weighted assets. The growth in capital was generated primarily by retained earnings less the cash dividend paid during the first quarter. Our Tier 1 risk-based capital and total risk-based capital have decreased from March 31, 2012 due to risk-weighted assets increasing faster than the increase in capital. The growth in risk-weighted assets, average assets, and capital were generated primarily by the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions. The Tier 1 leverage ratio has decreased compared to December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012 due to the increase in average assets as a result of the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions. Our capital ratios are currently well in excess of the minimum standards and continue to be in the well capitalized regulatory classification.

Liquidity

Liquidity refers to our ability to generate sufficient cash to meet our financial obligations, which arise primarily from the withdrawal of deposits, extension of credit and payment of operating expenses. Our Asset/Liability Management Committee (ALCO) is charged with monitoring liquidity management policies, which are designed to ensure acceptable composition of asset/liability mix. Two critical areas of focus for ALCO are interest rate sensitivity and liquidity risk management. We have employed our funds in a manner to provide liquidity from both assets and liabilities sufficient to meet our cash needs.

Asset liquidity is maintained by the maturity structure of loans, investment securities and other short-term investments. Management has policies and procedures governing the length of time to maturity on loans and investments. Normally, changes in the earning asset mix are of a longer-term nature and are not utilized for day-to-day corporate liquidity needs.

Our liabilities provide liquidity on a day-to-day basis. Daily liquidity needs are met from deposit levels or from our use of federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings. We engage in routine activities to retain deposits intended to enhance our liquidity position. These routine activities include various measures, such as the following:

- Emphasizing relationship banking to new and existing customers, where borrowers are encouraged and normally expected to maintain deposit accounts with our Bank,
- Pricing deposits, including certificates of deposit, at rate levels that will attract and/or retain balances of deposits that will enhance our Bank's asset/liability management and net interest margin requirements, and
- Continually working to identify and introduce new products that will attract customers or enhance our Bank's appeal as a primary provider of financial services.

Our legacy SCBT loan portfolio increased by approximately \$167.0 million, or about 6.9% compared to the balance at March 31, 2012. Our investment securities portfolio increased \$175.8 million during this same time period. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$495.9 million at March 31, 2013 as compared to \$380.7 million at December 31, 2012 and \$403.2 million at March 31, 2012.

At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$4.8 million and \$13.0 million, respectively, in traditional, out-of-market brokered deposits. At March 31, 2012, we had no brokered deposits. Total deposits increased \$862.7 million, or 25.7%, to \$4.2 billion resulting primarily from organic growth and the Peoples and Savannah acquisitions. Excluding deposits acquired in the

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Peoples and Savannah acquisitions, total deposits decreased \$107.2 million, or 3.2%. Excluding deposits acquired from Peoples and Savannah, we increased our noninterest-bearing deposit balance by \$68.3 million, or 9.0%, at March 31, 2013 as compared to the balance at March 31, 2012. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase increased \$93.3 million, or 39.6%, from the balance at March 31, 2012, and increased \$90.1 million, or 37.8%, from the balance at December 31, 2012. Other borrowings grew by \$8.2 million, or 17.8%, from March 31, 2012 due to the addition of SAVB Capital Trust I and II through the Savannah acquisition. To the extent that we employ other types of non-deposit funding sources, typically to accommodate retail and correspondent customers, we continue to emphasize shorter maturities of such funds. Our approach may provide an opportunity to sustain a low funding rate or possibly lower our cost of funds but could also increase our cost of funds if interest rates rise.

Our ongoing philosophy is to remain in a liquid position taking into account our current composition of earning assets, asset quality, capital position, and operating results. Our liquid earning assets include federal funds sold, balances at the Federal Reserve Bank, reverse repurchase agreements, and/or other short-term investments. Cyclical and other economic trends and conditions can disrupt our Bank's desired liquidity position at any time. We expect that these conditions would generally be of a short-term nature. Under such circumstances, our Bank's federal funds sold position and any balances at the Federal Reserve Bank serve as the primary sources of immediate liquidity. At March 31, 2013, our Bank had total federal funds credit lines of \$376.0 million with no outstanding advances. If additional liquidity were needed, the Bank would turn to short-term borrowings as an alternative immediate funding source and would consider other appropriate actions such as promotions to increase core deposits or the sale of a portion of our investment portfolio. At March 31, 2013, our Bank had \$70.4 million of credit available at the Federal Reserve Bank's Discount Window, but had no outstanding advances as of the end of the quarter. In addition, we could draw on additional alternative immediate funding sources from lines of credit extended to us from our correspondent banks and/or the FHLB. At March 31, 2013, our Bank had a total FHLB credit facility of \$342.9 million with total outstanding letters of credit consuming \$17.8 million and no outstanding advances. We believe that our liquidity position continues to be adequate and readily available.

Our contingency funding plan incorporates several potential stages based on liquidity levels. Also, we review on at least an annual basis our liquidity position and our contingency funding plans with our principal banking regulator. The Bank maintains various wholesale sources of funding. If our deposit retention efforts were to be unsuccessful, our Bank would utilize these alternative sources of funding. Under such circumstances, depending on the external source of funds, our interest cost would vary based on the range of interest rates charged to our Bank. This could increase our Bank's cost of funds, impacting net interest margins and net interest spreads.

Loss Share

The following table presents the expected losses on acquired assets covered under loss share agreements as of March 31, 2013:

| (Dollars in thousands) | FDIC Threshold or ILE | Original Estimated Gross Losses | Original Estimated Covered Losses | Losses Incurred * through 3/31/2013 | Remaining Estimated Losses for Loans | OREO Mark ** 3/31/2013 | Projected Total Losses |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CBT | \$ 233,000 | \$ 340,039 | \$ 334,082 | \$ 287,689 | \$ 34,146 | \$ 11,133 | \$ 332,968 |
| Habersham | 94,000 | 124,363 | 119,978 | 82,917 | 9,809 | 4,517 | 97,243 |
| BankMeridian | 70,827 | 70,190 | 67,780 | 26,035 | 11,993 | 3,878 | 41,906 |
| Total | \$ 397,827 | \$ 534,592 | \$ 521,840 | \$ 396,641 | \$ 55,948 | \$ 19,528 | \$ 472,117 |

* Claimed or Claimable loans and OREO losses excluding expenses, net of revenues.

** Represents the estimated losses on OREO at period end. These losses have been recognized to record OREO at net realizable value. These losses are claimable from the FDIC upon sale or receipt of a valid appraisal.

Under the Habersham and BankMeridian loss share agreements, all losses (whether or not they exceed the intrinsic loss estimate (ILE)) are reimbursable by the FDIC at 80% of the losses and reimbursable expenses paid. During the fourth quarter of 2011, the losses and reimbursable expenses claimed under the CBT loss share agreement exceeded the \$233.0 million threshold and became reimbursable at 95% rather than the 80% rate.

Deposit and Loan Concentrations

We have no material concentration of deposits from any single customer or group of customers. We have no significant portion of our loans concentrated within a single industry or group of related industries. Furthermore, we attempt to avoid making

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loans that, in an aggregate amount, exceed 10% of total loans to a multiple number of borrowers engaged in similar business activities. As of March 31, 2013, there were no aggregated loan concentrations of this type. We do not believe there are any material seasonal factors that would have a material adverse effect on us. We do not have foreign loans or deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk

We consider concentrations of credit to exist when, pursuant to regulatory guidelines, the amounts loaned to multiple number of borrowers engaged in similar business activities which would cause them to be similarly impacted by general economic conditions represent 25% of total risk-based capital, or \$121.6 million at March 31, 2013. Based on these criteria, we had five such credit concentrations at March 31, 2013, including loans to borrowers engaged in other activities related to real estate, loans to religious organizations, loans to lessors of nonresidential buildings (except mini-warehouses), loans to lessors of residential buildings, and loans to other holding companies (except bank holding companies).

Cautionary Note Regarding Any Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which are not historical in nature are intended to be, and are hereby identified as, forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The words may, will, anticipate, should, would, believe, contemplate, expect, estimate, continue, may, and intend, as well as other similar words and expressions of the future, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We caution readers that forward-looking statements are estimates reflecting our judgment based on current information, and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the matters described in Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, the matters described in Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and the following:

- **Credit risk** associated with an obligor's failure to meet the terms of any contract with the Bank or otherwise fail to perform as agreed;
- **Interest rate risk** involving the effect of a change in interest rates on both the Bank's earnings and the market value of the portfolio equity;
- **Liquidity risk** affecting our Bank's ability to meet its obligations when they come due;
- **Price risk** focusing on changes in market factors that may affect the value of financial instruments which are marked-to-market periodically;
- **Merger integration risk** including potential deposit attrition, higher than expected costs, customer loss and business disruption associated with the integration of Peoples, including, without limitation, potential difficulties in maintaining relationships with key personnel and other integration related-matters;
- **Merger completion risk**, including the potential occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the definitive merger agreement between SCBT and First Financial; the outcome of legal proceedings instituted against SCBT or

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First Financial; and the potential inability to complete the proposed merger with First Financial due to a failure to satisfy the conditions to completion, including the receipt of regulatory and shareholder approvals;

- **Transaction risk** arising from problems with service or product delivery;
- **Compliance risk** involving risk to earnings or capital resulting from violations of or nonconformance with laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, or ethical standards;
- **Regulatory change** risk resulting from new laws, rules, regulations, proscribed practices or ethical standards, including the possibility that regulatory agencies may require higher levels of capital above the current regulatory-mandated minimums, including the impact of the proposed capital rules under Basel III;
- **Strategic risk** resulting from adverse business decisions or improper implementation of business decisions;
- **Reputation risk** that adversely affects earnings or capital arising from negative public opinion;
- **Terrorist activities risk** that result in loss of consumer confidence and economic disruptions;
- **Cybersecurity risk** related to our dependence on internal computer systems and the technology of outside service providers, as well as the potential impacts of third-party security breaches, subjects us to potential business disruptions or financial losses resulting from deliberate attacks or unintentional events;
- **Noninterest income risk** resulting from the effect of final rules amending Regulation E that prohibit financial institutions from charging consumer fees for paying overdrafts on ATM and one-time debit card transactions, unless the consumer consents or opts-in to the overdraft service for those types of transactions; and
- **Economic downturn risk** resulting in changes in the credit markets, greater than expected non-interest expenses, excessive loan losses and other factors, which risks could be exacerbated by potential negative economic developments resulting from the expiration of the federal tax reductions, and the implementation of federal spending cuts currently scheduled to go into effect.

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All forward-looking statements in this report are based on information available to us as of the date of this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We have no material changes in our quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk as of March 31, 2013 from that presented in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file and submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported as and when required and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

The design of any system of controls and procedures is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. There can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended March 31, 2013, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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As of March 31, 2013 and the date of this form 10-Q, we believe that we are not a party to, nor is any of our property the subject of, any pending material proceeding other than those that may occur in the ordinary course of our business, except for those described below.

Arnette Lawsuit. On January 18, 2012, two purported shareholders of Peoples filed a class action lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas for the Thirteenth Judicial District, State of South Carolina, County of Pickens, captioned *F. Davis Arnette and Mary F. Arnette v. Peoples Bancorporation, Inc.*, Case No. 2012-CP-39-0064 (the *Arnette Lawsuit*). The Complaint names as defendants Peoples, the members of Peoples board of directors immediately prior to the completion of the merger between SCBT and Peoples (the *Director Defendants*) and SCBT. The Complaint is brought on behalf of a putative class of shareholders of Peoples common stock and seeks a declaration that it is properly maintainable as a class action. The Complaint alleges that Peoples directors breached their fiduciary duties by failing to maximize shareholder value in connection with the merger between SCBT and Peoples, and also alleges that SCBT aided and abetted those breaches of fiduciary duty. The Complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent the completion of the merger, an accounting to determine damages sustained by the putative class, and costs including plaintiffs attorneys and experts fees. SCBT believes that the claims asserted in the Complaint are without merit and that the proceeding will not have any material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of SCBT.

On April 17, 2012, SCBT entered into a memorandum of understanding (the *Peoples MOU*) with plaintiffs and other named defendants regarding the settlement of the Complaint. Under the terms of the Peoples MOU, SCBT, Peoples, the Director Defendants and the plaintiffs have agreed to settle the Arnette Lawsuit and release the defendants from all claims relating to the Peoples merger, subject to approval by the Court. If the Court approves the settlement contemplated by the Peoples MOU, the Arnette Lawsuit will be dismissed with prejudice. Pursuant to the terms of the Peoples MOU, SCBT and Peoples have made available additional information to Peoples shareholders in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 18, 2012. In return, the plaintiffs have agreed to the dismissal of the Arnette Lawsuit with prejudice and to withdraw all motions filed in connection with the Arnette

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Lawsuit. If the Peoples MOU is finally approved by the Court, it is anticipated that the Peoples MOU will resolve and release all claims in all actions that were or could have been brought challenging any aspect of the Peoples merger, the Peoples merger agreement and any disclosures made in connection therewith. There can be no assurance that the parties will ultimately enter into a stipulation of settlement or that the Court will approve the settlement, even if the parties were to enter into such stipulation. In such event, the proposed settlement as contemplated by the Peoples MOU may be terminated.

Rational Lawsuit. On October 11, 2012, a purported shareholder of Savannah filed a lawsuit in the Supreme Court of the State of New York captioned *Rational Strategies Fund v. Robert H. Demere, Jr. et al.*, No. 653566/2012 (the Rational Lawsuit), naming Savannah, members of Savannah's board of directors and SCBT as defendants. This lawsuit is purportedly brought on behalf of a putative class of Savannah's common shareholders and seeks a declaration that it is properly maintainable as a class action with the Plaintiff as the proper class representative. The Rational Lawsuit alleges that Savannah, Savannah's directors and SCBT breached duties and/or aided and abetted such breaches by failing to disclose certain material information about the proposed merger between Savannah and SCBT. Among other relief, the Complaint seeks to enjoin the merger. SCBT believes that the claims asserted in the Complaint are without merit and that the proceeding will not have any material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of SCBT.

On November 23, 2012, SCBT, Savannah and the other named defendants entered into a memorandum of understanding (the Rational MOU) with the Plaintiff regarding a settlement of the Rational Lawsuit. Pursuant to the Rational MOU, Savannah made available additional information concerning the Savannah merger to Savannah shareholders in a Current Report on Form 8-K. The Rational MOU provides that the parties will enter into a stipulation of settlement, which will be subject to customary conditions, including court approval following notice to Savannah's shareholders. If the settlement is finally approved by the Court, it is anticipated that the settlement will resolve and release all claims in the action that were or could have been brought challenging any aspect of the Savannah merger, the Savannah merger agreement, and any disclosure made in connection therewith, and that the action will be dismissed with prejudice. There can be no assurance that the parties will ultimately enter into a stipulation of settlement or that the court will approve the settlement even if the parties were to enter into such stipulation. In such event, the proposed settlement as contemplated by the Rational MOU may be terminated.

First Financial Litigation. On March 5, 2013, a purported shareholder of First Financial filed a lawsuit in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware captioned *Arthur Walter v. R. Wayne Hall et al.*, No. 8386-VCN. On March 25, 2013, another purported shareholder of First Financial filed a lawsuit in the same court captioned *Emmy Moore v. R. Wayne Hall et al.*, No. 8434-VCN. On April 18, 2013, the Court of Chancery issued an order consolidating the two lawsuits into one action captioned *In re First Financial Holdings, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, No. 8386-VCN. On May 7, 2013, the plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint on behalf of a putative class of First Financial's common shareholders. The amended complaint alleges that First Financial, its directors and SCBT breached their fiduciary duties and/or aided and abetted such breaches of fiduciary duty by failing to disclose certain material information about the proposed merger between First Financial and SCBT. The amended complaint further alleges that First Financial's board of directors breached their fiduciary duties by attempting to sell First Financial to SCBT by means of an unfair process and for an unfair price and that SCBT aided and abetted these alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. Among other relief, the amended complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent the proposed merger between First Financial and SCBT. SCBT believes that the claims asserted in the amended complaint are without merit and that this litigation will not have any material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of SCBT.

On May 3, 2013, a purported shareholder of SCBT filed a lawsuit in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the County of New York captioned *Rational Strategies Fund v. Robert R. Hill Jr. et al.*, No. 651625/2013, naming SCBT and members of its board of directors as defendants. This lawsuit is purportedly brought on behalf of a putative class of SCBT's common shareholders and seeks a declaration that it is properly maintainable as a class action with the Plaintiff as the proper class representative. The lawsuit alleges that SCBT and members of its board of directors breached duties by failing to disclose certain material information about the proposed merger between First Financial and SCBT. Among other relief, the Complaint seeks to enjoin the merger. SCBT believes that the claims asserted in the Complaint are without merit and that the proceeding will not have any material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of SCBT.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Investing in shares of our common stock involves certain risks, including those identified and described in Item 1A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, as well as cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-Q, including those under the caption **Cautionary Note Regarding Any Forward-Looking Statements** set forth in Part I, Item 2 of this Form 10-Q, risks and matters described elsewhere in this Form 10-Q and in our other filings with the SEC.

All forward-looking statements in this report are based on information available to us as of the date of this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

(a) and (b) not applicable

(c) Issuer Purchases of Registered Equity Securities:

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In February 2004, we announced a stock repurchase program with no formal expiration date to repurchase up to 250,000 shares of our common stock. There are 147,872 shares that may yet be purchased under that program. The following table reflects share repurchase activity during the first quarter of 2013:

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | (c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| January 1 - January 31 | 231* | \$ 41.59 | | 147,872 |
| February 1 - February 31 | | | | 147,872 |
| March 1 - March 30 | 5,848* | 50.62 | | 147,872 |
| Total | 6,079 | | | 147,872 |

* These shares were repurchased under arrangements, authorized by our stock-based compensation plans and Board of Directors, whereby officers or directors may sell previously owned shares to the Company in order to pay for the exercises of stock options or for income taxes owed on vesting shares of restricted stock. These shares are not purchased under the plan to repurchase 250,000 shares announced in February 2004.

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Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable.

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Item 6. EXHIBITS

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| Exhibit 2.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 19, 2013, by and between SCBT Financial Corporation and First Financial Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference as Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 22, 2013) |
| Exhibit 10.1 | Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the SCBT Financial Corporation Omnibus Stock and Performance Plan (incorporated by reference as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 22, 2013) |
| Exhibit 10.2 | Form of Stock Option Agreement under the SCBT Financial Corporation Omnibus Stock and Performance Plan (incorporated by reference as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 22, 2013) |
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Pursuant to the requirements 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.

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: May 9, 2013

/s/ Robert R. Hill, Jr.
Robert R. Hill, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 9, 2013

/s/ John C. Pollok
John C. Pollok
Senior Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer, and
Chief Operating Officer

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(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: May 9, 2013

/s/ Keith S. Rainwater
Keith S. Rainwater
Executive Vice President and
Principal Accounting Officer

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