

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SHEETZ STEPHEN G</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>5700 6TH AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>ALTOONA PA 16602-1111</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>M&T BANK CORP [MTB]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2008</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | | M | | 255 | A | (1) | 23,084.6529 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2009 | | A(2) | | 209 | A | \$57.41 | 23,539.9495(3) | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | (4) | 12/31/2008 | | M | | 255 | | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2008 | Common Stock | 255(4) | (4) | 40(5) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The reported transaction represents the settlement, for stock, of phantom stock units under a director fee plan maintained by M&T Bank Corporation, and therefore the reporting person paid no price for the stock. Also see footnote 4.
- Stock received in lieu of cash fees pursuant to the M&T Bank Corporation Directors' Stock Plan.
- Includes 246.2966 shares acquired between September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2008 through the reporting person's participation in a dividend reinvestment plan meeting the requirements of Rule 16a-11.
- The reported phantom stock units resulted from the conversion of existing phantom stock units received by the reporting person under a director fee plan maintained by Keystone Financial, Inc., which was acquired by M&T Bank Corporation on October 6, 2000, and represent a like number of shares of M&T Bank Corporation common stock. The phantom stock units may be settled in shares of M&T Bank Corporation common stock or cash upon a distribution in accordance with the terms of the plan. The reported phantom stock units also include units acquired through the reporting person's participation in the dividend reinvestment feature of the plan.
- The information reported is as of December 31, 2008.

Remarks:

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 (Attorney-In-Fact)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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