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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, SunTrust Capital VIII, 6.100% Trust Preferred Securities of SunTrust Capital VIII and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 4, 2006. Tentative listing date – December 6, 2006.

Sincerely,

David L. Block

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