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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-K**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

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 1-12508

**S&T BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Pennsylvania**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation of organization)

**25-1434426**

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

**800 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**15701**

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (800) 325-2265**

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Select Market)

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

(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this form 10-K or any amendment to this form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 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 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

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes  No

The aggregate estimated fair value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2010:

**Common Stock, \$2.50 par value \$531,336,243**

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's classes of common stock as of February 28, 2011:

**Common Stock, \$2.50 par value 27,969,917 shares**

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the proxy statement for the annual shareholders meeting to be held April 26, 2011 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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**PART I**

**Item 1. BUSINESS**

**General**

S&T Bancorp, Inc. ( S&T ; references to we or us refers to S&T, including on a consolidated basis with our subsidiaries where appropriate) was incorporated on March 17, 1983 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a bank holding company and has two wholly owned subsidiaries, S&T Bank and 9th Street Holdings, Inc. S&T also owns a one-half interest in Commonwealth Trust Credit Life Insurance Company ( CTCLIC ). S&T is registered as a financial holding company with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve Board ) under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended ( BHCA ).

As of December 31, 2010, S&T had approximately \$4.1 billion in total assets, \$578.7 million in total shareholder s equity and \$3.3 billion in total deposits. S&T Bank deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ( FDIC ) to the maximum extent provided by law.

S&T Bank is a full service bank with its Main Office at 800 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania, providing services to its customers through a branch network of 51 offices located in Allegheny, Armstrong, Blair, Butler, Clarion, Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson and Westmoreland counties of Pennsylvania.

S&T Bank s services include accepting time and demand deposit accounts, originating commercial and consumer loans, providing letters of credit, offering discount brokerage services, personal financial planning, credit card services and insurance products. Management believes that S&T Bank has a relatively stable deposit base and no material amount of deposits is obtained from a single depositor or group of depositors (including federal, state and local governments). S&T Bank has not experienced significant fluctuations in deposits.

Total Wealth Management assets under management were approximately \$1.4 billion at December 31, 2010. Wealth Management provides services as executor and trustee under wills and deeds, guardian and custodian of employee benefit plans and other trust and brokerage services.

S&T Bank has four wholly owned subsidiaries, S&T Insurance Group, LLC; S&T Professional Resources Group, LLC; S&T Bancholdings, Inc.; and Stewart Capital Advisors, LLC. S&T Insurance Group, LLC, through its subsidiaries, offers a variety of insurance products. S&T Professional Resources Group, LLC markets software developed by S&T Bank; S&T Bancholdings, Inc. is an investment company; and Stewart Capital Advisors, LLC, is a registered investment advisor that manages private investment accounts for individuals and institutions and advises the Stewart Capital Mid Cap Fund.

**Employees**

As of December 31, 2010, S&T and its subsidiaries had 936 full-time equivalent employees. S&T provides a variety of employment benefits and considers its relationship with its employees to be good.

**Access to United States Securities and Exchange Commission Filings**

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All reports filed electronically by S&T with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and our annual proxy statements, as well as any amendments to those reports, are accessible at no cost on our website at [www.stbancorp.com](http://www.stbancorp.com). These filings are also accessible on the SEC 's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may read and copy any material S&T files with the SEC at the SEC 's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. S&T 's charters of the Audit Committee, the Compensation and Benefits Committee, the Nominating

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and Corporate Governance Committee, the Wealth Management Oversight Committee, the Code of Conduct for the CEO and CFO, the Shareholder Communications Policy, Complaints Regarding Accounting Internal Accounting Controls or Auditing Matters ( Whistleblower Policy ) and the General Code of Conduct are also available on S&T s website.

**Supervision and Regulation**

*General*

S&T and S&T Bank are each extensively regulated under federal and state law. The following describes certain aspects of that regulation and does not purport to be a complete description of all regulations that affect S&T and S&T Bank or all aspects of those regulations.

To the extent statutory or regulatory provisions are described, the description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory or regulatory provisions. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently raised in Congress, in state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood and timing of any changes and the impact such changes might have on S&T or S&T Bank is impossible to determine with any certainty.

Any change in applicable laws or regulations, or in the way such laws or regulations are interpreted by regulatory agencies or courts, may have a material impact on our business, operations and earnings.

*S&T*

S&T is a bank holding company subject to regulation under the BHCA and the examination and reporting requirements of the Federal Reserve Board. Under the BHCA, a bank holding company may not directly or indirectly acquire ownership or control of more than five percent of the voting shares or substantially all of the assets of any additional bank, or merge or consolidate with another bank holding company, without the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board. S&T has received approval from the Federal Reserve Board for a passive ownership position in Allegheny Valley Bancorp, Inc. (currently 14.68 percent).

As a bank holding company, S&T is expected under Federal Reserve Board regulation to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary bank. A bank holding company is also expected to commit resources, including capital and other funds, to support its subsidiary bank in circumstances where it might not do so absent such a policy.

S&T elected to become a financial holding company under the BHCA in 2001 and thereby engage in a broader range of financial and other activities than are permissible for traditional bank holding companies. In order to qualify and maintain its status as a financial holding company, the depository institutions controlled by S&T must remain well-capitalized, well-managed (as defined in federal law) and have at least a satisfactory Community Reinvestment Act ( CRA ) rating. Refer to Item 8, Note 21 Regulatory Matters, for information concerning the current capital ratios of S&T and S&T Bank. No prior regulatory approval is required for a financial holding company to acquire a company, other than a bank or savings association, engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature, as determined by the Federal Reserve Board. The BHCA identifies several activities as financial in nature including, among others, securities underwriting, dealing and market making; sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies; insurance underwriting and sales agency; investment advisory activities; merchant banking activities; and activities that the Federal Reserve Board has determined to be closely related to banking or a proper incident thereto. Banks may also engage, subject to limitations on investment, in activities that are financial in nature, other

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than insurance underwriting, insurance company portfolio investment, real estate development and real estate investment, through a financial subsidiary of the bank, if the bank is well-capitalized, well-managed and has at least a satisfactory CRA rating. On July 21, 2010, the President signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection

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Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ) into law, see Government Actions and Legislation, which will require that S&T also remain well-capitalized and well-managed in order for S&T to maintain its status as a financial holding company as of July 21, 2011 (the Designated Transfer Date ). Additionally, upon the Designated Transfer Date, the Dodd-Frank Act will require a financial holding company to obtain prior regulatory approval to acquire any company with consolidated assets that exceed \$10.0 billion.

If S&T Bank, and S&T (upon the Designated Transfer Date), cease to be well-capitalized or well-managed, S&T will not be in compliance with the requirements of the BHCA regarding financial holding companies. If a financial holding company is notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of such a change in the ratings of any of its subsidiary banks, it must take certain corrective actions within specified time frames. Furthermore, if S&T Bank were to receive a CRA rating of less than satisfactory, then S&T would be prohibited from engaging in new activities or acquiring companies other than bank holding companies, banks or savings associations until the rating is raised to satisfactory or better.

S&T is presently engaged in nonbanking activities through the following six entities:

9th Street Holdings, Inc. was formed in June 1988 to hold and manage a group of investments previously owned by S&T Bank and to give S&T additional latitude to purchase other investments.

S&T Bancholdings, Inc. was formed in August 2002 to hold and manage a group of investments previously owned by S&T Bank and to give S&T additional latitude to purchase other investments.

CTCLIC is a joint venture with another financial institution, acting as a reinsurer of credit life, accident and health insurance policies sold by S&T Bank and the other institution.

S&T Insurance Group, LLC distributes life insurance and long-term disability income insurance products. During 2001, S&T Insurance Group, LLC and Attorneys Abstract Company, Inc. entered into an agreement to form S&T Settlement Services, LLC ( STSS ), with respective ownership interests of 55 percent and 45 percent. STSS is a title insurance agency servicing commercial customers. During 2002, S&T Insurance Group, LLC expanded into the property and casualty insurance business with the acquisition of Evergreen Insurance Associates, LLC.

S&T Professional Resources Group LLC markets software developed by S&T Bank.

Stewart Capital Advisors, LLC was formed in August 2005 and is a registered investment advisor that manages private investment accounts for individuals and institutions and advises the Stewart Capital Mid Cap Fund.

***S&T Bank***

As a state-chartered, commercial bank, the deposits of which are insured by the FDIC, S&T Bank is subject to the supervision and regulation of the Pennsylvania Department of Banking ( PADB ) and the FDIC. S&T Bank is also subject to various requirements and restrictions under federal and state law, including requirements to maintain reserves against deposits, restrictions on the types, amount and terms and conditions of loans that may be granted and limits on the type of other activities in which S&T Bank may engage and the investments it may make.

In addition, S&T Bank is subject to affiliate transaction rules in Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act that limit the amount of transactions between itself and S&T or S&T's nonbank subsidiaries. Under these provisions, transactions between a bank and its parent company or any single nonbank affiliate generally are limited to 10 percent of the bank subsidiary's capital and surplus, and with respect to all transactions with affiliates, are limited to 20 percent of the bank subsidiary's capital and surplus. Further, loans and extensions of credit from a bank to an affiliate generally are required to be secured by eligible collateral in specified amounts. The Dodd-Frank Act expands the affiliate transaction rules to broaden the definition of affiliate and to apply to securities

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lending, repurchase agreement and derivatives activities that S&T Bank may have with an affiliate, as well as to strengthen collateral requirements and limit Federal Reserve exemptive authority. Also, the definition of extension of credit for transactions with executive officers, directors and principal shareholders is being expanded to include credit exposure arising from a derivative transaction, a repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement and a securities lending or borrowing transaction. These expansions will be effective one year after the Designated Transfer Date, July 21, 2012. At this time, we do not anticipate that these provisions will have a material effect on S&T or S&T Bank.

**Insurance of Accounts; Depositor Preference**

The deposits of S&T Bank are insured up to applicable limits per insured depositor by the FDIC. In October 2008, the FDIC increased FDIC deposit insurance coverage per separately insured depositor for all account types to \$250,000. While initially stipulated to be in effect through December 31, 2010, this increase was made permanent in July 2010 by the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Dodd-Frank Act also maintains federal deposit insurance coverage for noninterest-bearing transaction accounts at an unlimited amount from December 31, 2010 until December 31, 2012. Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts will be considered noninterest-bearing transaction accounts for purposes of temporary unlimited deposit insurance coverage. However, interest-bearing transaction accounts paying 25 basis points or less are no longer insured beyond the \$250,000 limit as of December 31, 2010. The Dodd Frank Act's federal deposit insurance coverage for noninterest-bearing transaction deposit accounts replaces the transaction account guarantee program of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program. S&T was a participant in the transaction account guarantee program during its existence.

As an FDIC-insured bank, S&T Bank is also subject to FDIC insurance assessments, which are imposed based upon the risk the institution poses to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF). Under this assessment system, risk is defined and measured using an institution's supervisory ratings with other risk measures, including financial ratios. The annual rates for institutions in 2010 range from 12 basis points for well-capitalized, well-managed banks, with the highest ratings, to 45 basis points for institutions posing the most risk to the DIF. The FDIC may raise or lower these assessment rates on a quarterly basis based on various factors to achieve a reserve ratio, which the Dodd-Frank Act has mandated to be no less than 1.35 percent of insured deposits.

Due to recent bank failures and contingent loss reserves established by the FDIC against potential future bank failures, the reserve ratio is currently significantly below its target balance. Thus, in February 2009, the FDIC adopted a Final Rule on Assessments under which the quarterly initial base assessment rates increased substantially beginning in the second quarter of 2009. The FDIC then adopted a Final Rule on Special Assessment in May 2009, which imposed a five basis point special assessment on each institution's assets minus Tier 1 capital as reported on the report of condition as of June 30, 2009, but capped the special assessment at 10 basis points times the institution's assessment base for the second quarter 2009 risk-based assessment. On November 12, 2009, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a final rule that required insured depository institutions to prepay, on December 30, 2009, their estimated quarterly risk-based assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009 and for all of 2010, 2011, and 2012, along with their quarterly risk-based assessment for the third quarter of 2009. The continued decline in the DIF balance may convince the FDIC to impose additional special emergency assessments in the future, which could have an impact on S&T Bank's earnings and capital levels. The prepayment for S&T's quarterly assessments amounted to \$21.1 million and will be recognized as expense over a three year period. As of December 31, 2010, \$14.9 million remains prepaid for quarterly FDIC assessments.

On October 19, 2010, the Board of Directors of the FDIC adopted a new Restoration Plan to ensure that the DIF reserve ratio reaches 1.35 percent by September 30, 2020, as required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (Reform Act). Among other things, the Restoration Plan

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provides that the FDIC will forego the uniform three basis point increase in initial assessment rates that was previously scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2011 and will maintain the current assessment rate schedule for all insured depository institutions until the reserve ratio reaches 1.15 percent. The FDIC intends to pursue further rulemaking in 2011, regarding the requirement under the Reform Act that the FDIC offset the effect on institutions with less than \$10.0 billion in assets (such as S&T Bank) of the requirement that the reserve ratio reach 1.35 percent by September 30, 2020, rather than 1.15 percent by the end of 2016 (as required under the prior restoration plan), so that more of the cost of raising the reserve ratio to 1.35 percent will be borne by institutions with more than \$10.0 billion in assets. Implementation of the Restoration Plan is not expected to have a material effect upon S&T's consolidated operating results. In addition to DIF assessments, the FDIC assesses all insured deposits a special assessment to fund the repayment of debt obligations of the Financing Corporation ( FICO ). FICO is a government-sponsored entity that was formed to borrow the money necessary to carry out the closing and ultimate disposition of failed thrift institutions by the Resolution Trust Corporation in the 1990s. As of January 1, 2011, the annualized rate established by the FDIC for the FICO assessment was 1.02 basis points per \$100 of insured deposits.

Under federal law, deposits and certain claims for administrative expenses and employee compensation against insured depository institutions are afforded a priority over other general unsecured claims against such an institution, including federal funds and letters of credit, in the liquidation or other resolution of such an institution by any receiver appointed by regulatory authorities. Such priority creditors would include the FDIC.

**Capital**

The Federal Reserve Board and FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to banking organizations they supervise. Under current capital guidelines, both S&T and S&T Bank are required to maintain certain capital standards based on ratios of capital to assets and capital to risk weighted assets. The guidelines define a bank's total qualifying capital as having two components. Tier 1 capital, which must be at least 50 percent of total qualifying capital, is mainly comprised of common equity, retained earnings, and qualifying preferred stock, less certain intangibles. Tier 2 capital may include the allowance for loan losses ( ALL ) model loss up to a maximum of 1.25 percent of risk weighted assets, qualifying subordinated debt, qualifying preferred stock, hybrid capital instruments, and up to 45 percent of net unrealized gains on available-for-sale equity securities. The guideline also defines the weights assigned to assets and off-balance sheet items to determine the risk weighted asset component of the risk-based capital ratios.

The Federal Reserve Board and FDIC have established minimum and well-capitalized standards for banks. The minimum capital standards are defined as a Tier 1 ratio of at least 4.00 percent, a Total capital ratio of at least 8.00 percent and a Leverage ratio of at least 3.00 percent. The Leverage ratio of 3.00 percent is for those bank and bank holding companies that meet certain specified criteria, including having received the highest regulatory rating and are not experiencing significant growth or expansion. All other banks and bank holding companies generally are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 100 to 200 basis points above the stated minimum. S&T and S&T Bank maintain capital levels to meet the well-capitalized regulatory standards, which are defined as a Tier 1 ratio of at least 6.00 percent, Total capital ratio of at least 10.00 percent and a Leverage ratio of at least 5.00 percent. At December 31, 2010 S&T's Tier 1 capital, Total capital and Leverage ratios were 13.28 percent, 16.68 percent and 11.07 percent, respectively. At December 31, 2010 S&T Bank's Tier 1, Total capital and Leverage ratios were 9.02 percent, 12.42 percent, and 7.50 percent, respectively.

Both the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC's risk-based capital standards explicitly identify concentrations of credit risk and the risk arising from non-traditional activities, as well as an institution's ability to manage these risks, as important factors to be taken into account by the agency in assessing an institution's overall capital adequacy. The capital guidelines also provide that an

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institution's exposure to a decline in the economic value of its capital due to changes in interest rates be considered by the agency as a factor in evaluating a bank's capital adequacy. The Federal Reserve Board has also issued additional capital guidelines for certain bank holding companies that engage in trading activities. S&T does not believe that consideration of these additional factors will affect the regulators' assessment of S&T or S&T Bank's capital position. The Dodd-Frank Act contains a number of provisions intended to strengthen capital, including requiring minimum leverage and risk-based capital that are at least as stringent as those currently in effect. The regulations implementing these rules are to be finalized no later than January 22, 2012. Also, upon the Designated Transfer Date, the Dodd-Frank Act will require the Federal Reserve Board to implement capital regulations that are countercyclical so that the amount of capital required to be maintained by S&T would increase in times of economic expansion and decrease in times of economic contraction, consistent with the safety and soundness of the company. In addition to the Dodd-Frank Act, the international oversight body of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision reached agreements in July 2010 (Basel III) to increase the minimum common equity capital requirement for banks from 2.00 percent to 4.00 percent, along with a capital conservation buffer of 2.50 percent to bring total common equity capital requirements to 7.00 percent. The Basel III requirements will be phased in beginning January 1, 2013. Federal regulators periodically propose amendments to the risk-based capital guidelines and the related regulatory framework and consider changes to the capital standards that could significantly increase the amount of capital needed to meet applicable standards. The timing of adoption, ultimate form and effect of any such proposed amendments cannot be predicted.

**Capital Purchase Program**

On January 16, 2009, S&T completed a \$108.7 million capital raise as a participant in the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program (the "CPP"). In conjunction with S&T's participation in the CPP, S&T issued to the U.S. Treasury 108,676 shares of S&T's Series A Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock pays cumulative dividends at a rate of five percent per year for the first five years and thereafter at a rate of nine percent per year. As part of its purchase of the Series A Preferred Stock, the U.S. Treasury received a Warrant to purchase 517,012 shares of S&T's common stock at an initial per share exercise price of \$31.53. The Warrant provides for the adjustment of the exercise price and the number of shares of S&T's common stock issuable upon exercise pursuant to customary anti-dilution provisions, such as upon stock splits or distributions of securities or other assets to holders of S&T's common stock and upon certain issuances of S&T's common stock at or below a specified price relative to the initial exercise price. S&T engaged an outside expert to calculate the estimated fair value of the common stock warrant issued by S&T on January 16, 2009. A binomial pricing model was used resulting in an estimated fair value of \$4.0 million. The Warrant expires 10 years from the issuance date. In addition, the U.S. Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any shares of common stock issued upon exercise of the Warrant.

Under changes made to the CPP by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), subject to approval by banking regulatory agencies, S&T can redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends, at any time. If S&T only redeems part of the CPP investment, then it must pay a minimum of 25 percent of the issue, or \$27.2 million. The consent of the U.S. Treasury will be required for S&T to increase its common stock dividend (above the dividend amount prior to the participation in the CPP) or repurchase its common stock or other equity or capital securities, other than in connection with benefit plans consistent with past practice and certain other circumstances through January 16, 2012. The consent of the U.S. Treasury will not be required if S&T has redeemed the Series A Preferred Stock or the U.S. Treasury has transferred the Series A Preferred Stock to a third party. In addition, the Series A Preferred Stock issuance includes certain restrictions on executive compensation that could limit the tax deductibility of compensation S&T pays to executive management.

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S&T is a legal entity separate and distinct from its banking and other subsidiaries. A substantial portion of S&T's revenues consist of dividend payments it receives from S&T Bank. S&T Bank, in turn, is subject to state laws and regulations that limit the amount of dividends it can pay to S&T. In addition, both S&T and S&T Bank are subject to various general regulatory policies relating to the payment of dividends, including requirements to maintain adequate capital above regulatory minimums. The Federal Reserve Board has indicated that banking organizations should generally pay dividends only if (i) the organization's net income available to common shareholders over the past year has been sufficient to fully fund the dividends and (ii) the prospective rate of earnings retention appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. Thus, under certain circumstances based upon S&T's financial condition, S&T's ability to declare and pay quarterly dividends may require consultation with the Federal Reserve and may be prohibited by applicable Federal Reserve regulations. If S&T were to pay a dividend in contravention of Federal Reserve regulations, the Federal Reserve could raise supervisory concerns. In addition, prior to January 16, 2012, unless S&T has redeemed the Series A Preferred Stock or the U.S. Treasury has transferred the Series A Preferred Stock to a third party, the consent of the U.S. Treasury is required for S&T to increase its common stock dividend (above the dividend amount prior to the participation in the CPP) or repurchase its common stock or other equity or capital securities, other than in connection with benefit plans consistent with past practice and certain other circumstances. During the year ended December 31, 2010, S&T Bank paid \$16.7 million in cash dividends to S&T for dividends paid to common shareholders.

**Other Safety and Soundness Regulations**

There are a number of obligations and restrictions imposed on bank holding companies such as S&T and its depository institution subsidiary by federal law and regulatory policy that are designed to reduce potential loss exposure to the depositors of such depository institutions and to the FDIC insurance funds in the event the depository institution becomes in danger of default or is in default. Under current federal law for example, the federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take prompt corrective action to resolve problems of insured depository institutions. The extent of these powers depends upon whether the institution in question is well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized or critically undercapitalized, as defined by the law. Under regulations established by the federal banking agencies, a well-capitalized institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 6.00 percent, a Total capital ratio of at least 10.00 percent and a leverage ratio of at least 5.00 percent and must not be subject to a capital directive or order. An adequately capitalized institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 4.00 percent, a Total capital ratio of at least 8.00 percent and a leverage ratio of at least 4.00 percent. The most highly-rated financial institutions minimum requirement for the leverage ratio is 3.00 percent. As of December 31, 2010, S&T and S&T Bank were classified as well-capitalized. The classification of depository institutions is primarily for the purpose of applying the federal banking agencies' prompt corrective action provisions and is not intended to be and should not be interpreted as a representation of overall financial condition or prospects of any financial institution.

The federal banking agencies' prompt corrective action powers (which increase depending upon the degree to which an institution is undercapitalized) can include, among other things, requiring an insured depository institution to adopt a capital restoration plan which cannot be approved unless guaranteed by the institution's parent company; placing limits on asset growth and restrictions on activities, including restrictions on transactions with affiliates; restricting the interest rates the institution may pay on deposits; prohibiting the payment of principal or interest on subordinated debt; prohibiting the holding company from making capital distributions without prior regulatory approval; and, ultimately, appointing a receiver for the institution. For example, only a well-capitalized depository institution may accept brokered deposits without prior regulatory approval.

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The federal banking agencies have also adopted guidelines prescribing safety and soundness standards relating to internal controls and information systems, internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth and compensation, fees and benefits. In general, the guidelines require appropriate systems and practices to identify and manage specified risks and exposures. The guidelines prohibit excessive compensation as an unsafe and unsound practice and characterize compensation as excessive when the amounts paid are unreasonable or disproportionate to the services performed by an executive officer, employee, director or principal shareholder. In addition, the agencies have adopted regulations that authorize, but do not require an agency to order an institution that has been given notice by an agency that it is not in compliance with any of such safety and soundness standards to submit a compliance plan. If, after being so notified, an institution fails to submit an acceptable compliance plan, the agency must issue an order directing action to correct the deficiency and may issue an order directing other actions of the types to which an undercapitalized institution is subject under the prompt corrective action provisions described above.

**Regulatory Enforcement Authority**

The enforcement powers available to federal banking agencies are substantial and include, among other things and in addition to other powers described herein, the ability to assess civil money penalties, to issue cease-and-desist or removal orders and to initiate injunctive actions against banks and bank holding companies and institution affiliated parties, as defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ( FDIA ). In general, these enforcement actions may be initiated for violations of laws and regulations, as well as engagement in unsafe or unsound practices. Other actions or inactions may provide the basis for enforcement action, including misleading or untimely reports filed with regulatory authorities.

At the state level, the PADB also has broad enforcement powers over S&T Bank, including the power to impose fines and other civil and criminal penalties and to appoint a conservator or receiver.

**Interstate Banking and Branching**

The BHCA currently permits bank holding companies from any state to acquire banks and bank holding companies located in any other state, subject to certain conditions, including certain nationwide and state-imposed deposit concentration limits. In addition, because of changes to law made by the Dodd-Frank Act, S&T Bank may now establish de novo interstate branches anywhere in the country, regardless of state law.

**Community Reinvestment and Consumer Protection Laws**

In connection with its lending activities, S&T Bank is subject to a number of federal laws designed to protect borrowers and promote lending to various sectors of the economy and population. These include, among other laws, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the CRA. In addition, rules developed by the federal banking agencies pursuant to federal law require disclosure of privacy policies to consumers and in some circumstances, allow consumers to prevent the disclosure of certain personal information to nonaffiliated third parties.

The CRA requires the appropriate federal banking agency, in connection with its examination of a bank, to assess the bank's record in meeting the credit needs of the communities served by the bank, including low and moderate-income neighborhoods. Furthermore, such assessment also is required of any bank that has applied, among other things, to merge or consolidate with or acquire the assets or assume the liabilities of an

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insured depository institution, or to open or relocate a branch office. In the case of a bank holding company (including a financial holding company) applying for approval to acquire a bank or bank holding company, the Federal Reserve Board will assess the record of each

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subsidiary bank of the applicant bank holding company in considering the application. Under the CRA, institutions are assigned a rating of outstanding, satisfactory, needs to improve or unsatisfactory. S&T Bank was rated satisfactory in its most recent CRA evaluation.

**Anti-Money Laundering Rules**

S&T Bank is subject to the Bank Secrecy Act, its implementing regulations and other anti-money laundering laws and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Among other things, these laws and regulations require S&T Bank to take steps to prevent the use of S&T Bank to facilitate the flow of illegal or illicit money, to report large currency transactions and to file suspicious activity reports. S&T Bank is also required to develop and implement a comprehensive anti-money laundering compliance program. Banks must also have in place appropriate know your customer policies and procedures. Violations of these requirements can result in substantial civil and criminal sanctions. In addition, provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 require the federal financial institution regulatory agencies to consider the effectiveness of a financial institution's anti-money laundering activities when reviewing bank mergers and bank holding company acquisitions.

**Government Actions and Legislation**

On July 21, 2010, the President signed the Dodd-Frank Act into law. This new law will significantly change the current bank regulatory structure and affect the lending, deposit, investment, trading and operating activities of financial institutions and their holding companies, including S&T and S&T Bank. The Dodd-Frank Act contains a number of provisions intended to strengthen capital. Refer to Capital within Item 1 for additional information. For example, the federal banking agencies are directed to establish minimum leverage and risk-based capital that are at least as stringent as those currently in effect.

The Dodd-Frank Act requires various federal agencies to adopt a broad range of new rules and regulations, and to prepare numerous studies and reports for Congress. The federal agencies are given significant discretion in drafting the implementing rules and regulations, and consequently, many of the details and much of the impact of the Act may not be known for many months or years. The Dodd-Frank Act also contains provisions that expand the insurance assessment base and increase the scope of deposit insurance coverage.

Among other provisions, the SEC has recently enacted rules, required by the Dodd-Frank Act, giving stockholders a non-binding vote on executive compensation and so-called golden parachute payments. The Dodd-Frank Act also authorizes the SEC to promulgate rules that would allow stockholders to nominate their own candidates for election as directors using a company's proxy materials. The legislation also directs the federal financial institution regulatory agencies to promulgate rules prohibiting excessive compensation being paid to financial institution executives.

The Dodd-Frank Act also creates the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) that will take over responsibility as of the Designated Transfer Date of the principal federal consumer protection laws, such as the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Saving Act, among others. Institutions that have assets of \$10.0 billion or less, such as S&T, will continue to be supervised in this area by their primary federal regulators (in the case of S&T Bank, the FDIC). The Act also gives the CFPB expanded data collecting powers for fair lending purposes for both small business and mortgage loans, as well as expanded authority to prevent unfair, deceptive and abusive practices. The consumer complaint function also will be consolidated into the CFPB. In addition, the Federal Reserve is required to adopt a rule addressing interchange fees applicable to debit card transactions. Although by its terms this rule will not apply to banks with less than \$10.0 billion in assets, it may still have the practical effect of reducing fees that smaller banks (like S&T Bank) may charge.





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Many of the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act will not become effective until the Designated Transfer Date or after and, if required, the adoption and effectiveness of implementing regulations. In addition, the scope and impact of many of the Dodd-Frank Act's provisions will be determined through the rulemaking process. As a result, we cannot predict the ultimate impact of the Act on S&T or S&T Bank at this time, including the extent to which it could increase costs or limit our ability to pursue business opportunities in an efficient manner, or otherwise adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Nor can we predict the impact or substance of other future legislation or regulation. However, it is expected that they at a minimum will increase our operating and compliance costs.

Federal and state regulatory agencies consistently propose and adopt changes to their regulations or change the manner in which existing regulations are applied. We cannot predict the substance or impact of pending or future legislation or regulation, or the application thereof, although enactment of the proposed legislation could affect how S&T and S&T Bank operate and could significantly increase costs, impede the efficiency of internal business processes, or limit our ability to pursue business opportunities in an efficient manner, any of which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Competition**

S&T Bank competes with other local, regional and national financial service providers, such as other financial holding companies, commercial banks, savings associations, credit unions, finance companies and brokerage and insurance firms. Some of S&T's competitors are not subject to the same level of regulation and oversight that is required of banks and bank holding companies, and are thus able to operate under lower cost structures. The financial service industry is likely to become more competitive as further technological advances enable more companies to provide financial services on a more efficient and convenient basis.

S&T faces significant competition in both originating loans and attracting deposits. The western Pennsylvania area has a high density of financial institutions, some of which are significantly larger institutions with greater financial resources than S&T, and many of which are S&T's competitors to varying degrees. S&T's competition for loans comes principally from commercial banks, savings associations, mortgage banking companies, credit unions, brokerage and insurance companies and other financial service companies. S&T's most direct competition for deposits has historically come from commercial banks, savings banks and credit unions. S&T faces additional competition for deposits from non-depository competitors such as the mutual fund industry, securities and brokerage firms and insurance companies. S&T has emphasized personalized banking and the advantage of local decision-making in our banking business and this strategy appears to have been well received in our market area.

S&T's current market area, consisting primarily of western Pennsylvania, provides long-term opportunity for growth in deposits and commercial lending. Commercial and residential real estate values in our market appear to have stabilized. The national and local economies still remain fragile with high unemployment rates. Business conditions remain subdued and that uncertainty is serving to limit both consumer and corporate spending in our area.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Investments in our common stock involve risk. The following discussion highlights the risks that management believes are material for our company, but do not necessarily include all risk that we may face.



**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS** continued

**The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to a number of factors.**

Our quarterly and annual operating results have varied significantly in the past and could vary significantly in the future, which makes it difficult for us to predict our future operating results. Our operating results may fluctuate due to a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control, including the changing and recently volatile U.S. economic environment and changes in the commercial and residential real estate market, any of which may cause our stock price to fluctuate. If our operating results fall below the expectations of investors or securities analysts, the price of our common stock could decline substantially. Our stock price can fluctuate significantly in response to a variety of factors including, among other things:

- volatility of stock market prices and volumes in general;
- changes in market valuations of similar companies;
- changes in conditions in credit markets;
- changes in accounting policies or procedures as required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) or other regulatory agencies;
- new legislation and/or regulatory changes, including those changes that will occur through the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act;
- additions or departures of key members of management;
- fluctuations in our quarterly or annual operating results; and
- changes in analysts' estimates of our financial performance.

***Risks Related to Credit***

**Our ability to assess the credit worthiness of our customers may diminish, which may adversely affect our results of operations.**

We take credit risk by virtue of making loans and extending loan commitments and letters of credit. Our exposure to credit risk is managed through the use of consistent underwriting standards that emphasize in-market lending while avoiding highly leveraged transactions as well as excessive industry and other concentrations. Our credit administration function employs risk management techniques to ensure that loans adhere to corporate policy and problem loans are promptly identified. While these procedures are designed to provide us with the information needed to implement policy adjustments where necessary, and to take proactive corrective actions, there can be no assurance that such measures will be effective in avoiding undue credit risk. If the models and approaches we use to select, manage and underwrite our consumer and commercial customers become less predictive of future charge-offs (due, for example, to rapid changes in the economy, including the unemployment rate), our credit losses may increase.

**The value of the collateral used to secure our loans may not be sufficient to compensate for the amount of an unpaid loan and we may be unsuccessful in recovering the remaining balance from our customers.**

Decreases in real estate values, particularly with respect to our commercial lending and mortgage activities, could adversely affect the value of property used as collateral for our loans and our customers' ability to repay these loans, which in turn could impact our profitability. Repayment

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of our commercial loans is often dependent on the cash flow of the borrower, which may become unpredictable in the current economy. If the value of the assets, such as real estate, serving as collateral for the loan portfolio were to decline materially, a significant part of the loan portfolio could become under-collateralized. If the loans that are secured by real estate become troubled when real estate market conditions are declining or have declined, in the event of foreclosure, we may not be

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able to realize the amount of collateral that was anticipated at the time of originating the loan. This could result in higher charges which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

**Changes in the overall credit quality of our portfolio can have a significant impact on our earnings.**

Like other lenders, we face the risk that our customers will not repay their loans. We reserve for losses in our loan portfolio based on our assessment of inherent credit losses. This process, which is critical to our financial results and condition, requires complex judgments, including our assessment of economic conditions, which are difficult to predict. Through a periodic review of the loan portfolio, management determines the amount of the ALL by considering historical losses combined with qualitative factors including general and regional economic conditions, asset quality trends, loan policy and underwriting, and changes in loan concentrations and collateral values. The amount of future losses is susceptible to changes in economic, operating and other conditions, including changes in interest rates, which may be beyond our control. We may underestimate our inherent losses and fail to hold an ALL sufficient to account for these losses. Incorrect assumptions could lead to material underestimates of inherent losses and inadequate ALL. As our assessment of inherent losses changes, we may need to increase or decrease our ALL, which could adversely impact our financial results and profitability.

**Our loan portfolio is concentrated in western Pennsylvania, and our lack of geographic diversification increases our risk profile.**

The regional economic conditions in western Pennsylvania affect the demand for our products and services as well as the ability of our customers to repay their loans and the value of the collateral securing these loans. A significant decline in the regional economy caused by inflation, recession, unemployment or other factors, could adversely affect our customers, the quality of our loan portfolio and the demand for our products and services, which could have a material impact on our results.

**A significant portion of our loan portfolio includes commercial and commercial real estate loans that have higher risks, and we may experience higher credit losses.**

The majority of our loans are to commercial borrowers. The commercial real estate segment of our loan portfolio has been more adversely impacted by the recent economic downturn. Commercial real estate lending typically involves higher loan principal amounts, and the repayment of these loans generally is dependent, in large part, on sufficient income from the properties securing the loans to cover operating expenses and debt service. Because payments on loans secured by commercial real estate often depend upon the successful operating and management of the properties, repayment of these loans may be affected by factors outside the borrower's control, including adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. Additionally, we have a number of large exposures to commercial borrowers, and while the majority of these borrowers have numerous projects that make up the total aggregate exposure, if one or more of these borrowers defaults or has financial difficulties, we could experience higher credit losses, which could adversely impact our results of operations.

***Risks Related to Interest Rates***

**Our net interest income could be negatively affected by interest rate changes, which may adversely affect our financial condition.**

Our results of operations are largely dependent on net interest income, which is the difference between the interest and fees earned on interest-earning assets and the interest paid on interest-

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS** continued

bearing liabilities. We may have mismatches between the maturity and repricing of our assets and liabilities that could cause the net interest rate spread to compress, depending on the level and type of changes in the interest rate environment. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors that are beyond the control of management, including general economic conditions and the policies of various governmental agencies. In addition, our customers often have the ability to prepay loans or redeem deposits with either no penalties, or penalties that are insufficient to compensate us for the lost income. A significant reduction in our net interest income will adversely affect our business and results of operations.

**Declines in the value of investment securities held by us could require write-downs, which would reduce our earnings.**

In order to diversify earnings and enhance liquidity, we own both debt and equity instruments of government agencies, municipalities and other companies. We may be required to record impairment charges on our investment securities if they suffer a decline in value that is considered other-than-temporary. Additionally, the value of these investments may fluctuate depending on the interest rate environment, general economic conditions, and circumstances specific to the issuer. Volatile market conditions may detrimentally affect the value of these securities, such as through reduced valuations due to the perception of heightened credit or liquidity risks. Changes in the value of these instruments may result in a reduction to earnings and/or capital, which may adversely affect our results of operations.

**The crisis in both the United States and international banking markets has adversely affected our industry, including our business, and may continue to have an adverse effect on our business and reputation in the future.**

This economic turmoil and tightening of credit have led to an increased level of commercial and consumer delinquencies, lack of consumer confidence, increased market volatility and widespread reduction of business activity generally. The resulting economic pressure on consumers and the lack of confidence in the financial markets have adversely affected our business, financial condition and results of operations. Market developments may affect consumer confidence levels and may cause adverse changes in payment patterns, causing increases in delinquencies and default rates, which may impact our charge-offs and provision for credit losses. A worsening of these conditions may increase the adverse effects of these difficult market conditions on us, and may harm the reputation of banks in general and our reputation with our customers and investors.

***Risks Related to Liquidity***

**We rely on a stable core deposit base and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh as our primary sources of liquidity.**

We are dependent for our funding on a stable base of core deposits and access to wholesale funding, primarily from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh ( FHLB ). We own common stock of the FHLB in order to qualify for membership in the FHLB system, which enables us to borrow funds under the FHLB advance program. Changes or disruptions to the FHLB or the FHLB system in general may materially impair our ability to meet growth plans or to meet short and long term liquidity needs. In the event of a system-wide shock or a deterioration in our financial condition, the stability of our core deposit base could deteriorate, our access to funding from the FHLB could be restricted, or both. Without access to adequate funding we will have difficulty operating day to day, which could ultimately impact our ability to continue operations.





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**If our FHLB line of credit is restricted, our ability to meet our obligations to our customers could be materially affected.**

We have a line of credit with the FHLB that is secured by a blanket lien on our loan portfolio. Access to this line of credit is critical if a funding need arises. However, we cannot be assured that the FHLB will be able to provide funding to us when needed, nor can we be certain that the FHLB will provide funds specifically to us, should our financial condition and/or our regulators prevent that access. The inability to access these sources of funds, for whatever reason, could have a materially adverse effect on our ability to meet our customer's needs. Our financial flexibility could be severely constrained if we were unable to maintain our access to funding or if adequate financing is not available at acceptable interest rates. The failure of the FHLB or the FHLB system in general, may materially impair our ability to meet growth plans or to meet short and long term liquidity needs.

*Risks Related to Our Operations*

**An interruption or breach in security of our information systems may result in financial losses or in a loss of customers.**

We depend upon data processing, communication and information exchange on a variety of computing platforms and networks, including the internet. We cannot be certain all our systems are entirely free from vulnerability to attack, despite safeguards we have instituted. The occurrence of any failures, interruptions, or security breaches of our information systems could result in a material adverse impact to our business, financial condition and results of operations through damage to our reputation, loss of customer business, additional regulatory scrutiny, or exposure to civil litigation and possible financial liability. Losses arising from such a breach could materially exceed the amount of insurance coverage we have, which could adversely affect our results of operation.

**We rely on third-party providers and other suppliers for a number of services that are important to our business. An interruption or cessation of an important service by any third party could have a material adverse effect on our business.**

We are dependent for the majority of our technology, including our core operating system, on third party providers. If these companies were to discontinue providing services to us, we may experience significant disruption to our business. If any of our third party service providers experience financial, operational, or technological difficulties, or if there is any other disruption in our relationships with them, we may be required to locate alternative sources of such services. Assurance cannot be provided that we could negotiate terms with alternative service sources that are as favorable or could obtain services with similar functionality as found in existing systems without the need to expend substantial resources, if at all, thereby resulting in a material adverse impact on our business and results of operations.

*Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance and Legal Matters*

**Recent legislation enacted in response to market and economic conditions may significantly affect our operations, financial condition and earnings.**

Disruptions in the financial system during the past three years have resulted in significantly reduced business activity throughout the global and U.S. economies, which have the potential to significantly affect financial institutions. The Dodd-Frank Act was enacted as a major reformatory response to this financial crisis. The Dodd-Frank Act increases regulation and oversight of the financial services industry, and imposes restrictions on the ability of institutions within the industry to conduct business consistent with historical practices, including aspects such as capital requirements, affiliate transactions, compensation, consumer protection regulations and mortgage regulation, among others.

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It is not clear what impact the Dodd-Frank Act and the numerous implementing regulations will have on the financial markets or on the U.S. banking and financial services industries and the broader U.S. and global economies. They may increase our costs of regulatory compliance and of doing business and otherwise affect our operations. They also may significantly affect the markets in which we do business, the markets for and value of our investments and our ongoing operations, costs and profitability.

**Future governmental regulation and legislation could limit our growth.**

We are subject to extensive state and federal regulation, supervision and legislation that govern nearly every aspect of our operations. The regulations are primarily intended to protect depositors, customers and the banking system as a whole, not shareholders. Failure to comply with applicable regulations could lead to penalties and damage to our reputation. Furthermore, as shown through the Dodd-Frank Act, the regulatory environment is constantly undergoing change and the impact of changes to laws, the rapid implementation of regulations, the interpretation of such laws or regulations or other actions by existing or new regulatory agencies could make regulatory compliance more difficult or expensive, and thus could affect our ability to deliver or expand services, or it could diminish the value of our business. The ramifications and uncertainties of the recent increase in government intervention in the U.S. financial system could also adversely affect us. Refer to Supervision and Regulation within Item 1 of this report for additional information.

**Our management has identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, which if not properly remediated, could result in material misstatements in our future interim and annual financial statements and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and the price of our common stock.**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As further described in Item 9A Controls and Procedures, our management has identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness, as defined in the standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ( PCAOB ), is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. We identified the material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010 based upon there being ineffective controls over the approval and recording of charge-offs of loans.

Although we are in the process of implementing initiatives aimed at addressing the material weakness, these initiatives may not remediate the material weakness. Failure to achieve and maintain an effective internal control environment could result in us not being able to accurately report our financial results, prevent or detect fraud or provide timely and reliable financial information pursuant to the reporting obligations we have as a public company, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, it could cause our investors to lose confidence in the financial information we report, which could adversely affect the price of our common stock.

**Negative public opinion could damage our reputation and adversely impact our earnings and liquidity.**

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Reputational risk, or the risk to our business, earnings, liquidity and capital from negative public opinion, could result from our actual or alleged conduct in a variety of areas, including legal and

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regulatory compliance, lending practices, corporate governance, litigation, ethical issues or inadequate protection of customer information. We expend significant resources to comply with regulatory requirements, and the failure to comply with such regulations could result in reputational harm or significant legal or remedial costs. Additionally, we continue to be a participant in the CPP, and participation in this program has, at various times, been publicly criticized. Our continued participation in the CPP may negatively impact our reputation with customers. Damage to our reputation could adversely affect our ability to retain and attract new customers and adversely impact our earnings and liquidity.

**We may be a defendant from time to time in a variety of litigation and other actions, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.**

From time to time, customers and others make claims and take legal action pertaining to the performance of our responsibilities. Additionally, the current economic downturn has resulted in higher customer defaults and a resultant increase in litigation. Whether customer claims and legal action related to the performance of our responsibilities are founded or unfounded, or if such claims and legal actions are not resolved in a manner favorable to us, they may result in significant expenses, attention from management and financial liability. Any financial liability or reputational damage could have a material adverse effect on our business, which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

*Risks Related to Our Business Strategy*

**Our strategy includes growth plans through organic growth and acquisitions. Our financial condition and results of operations could be negatively affected if we fail to grow or fail to manage our growth effectively.**

We intend to continue pursuing a growth strategy, which may include organic growth, expansion or acquisitions. We cannot assure you that we will be able to expand our market presence in our existing markets or successfully enter new markets or that any such expansion will not adversely affect our results of operations. Failure to manage our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, future prospects, financial condition or results of operations and could adversely affect our ability to successfully implement our business strategy. Our organic growth strategy includes a reorganization of our business to a market-based approach from a product-based approach. There is no assurance that this internal reorganization will be successful, and if not executed as planned, it may adversely affect our results of operations.

Our failure to find suitable acquisition candidates, or successfully bid against other competitors for acquisitions, could adversely affect our ability to successfully implement our business strategy. If we are successful in acquiring other entities, the process of integrating such entities will divert significant management time and resources. We may not be able to integrate successfully or operate profitably any financial institutions we may acquire. We may experience disruption and incur unexpected expenses in integrating acquisitions. These failures could adversely impact our future prospects and results of operation.

**We are subject to competition from both banks and non-banking companies.**

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The financial services industry is highly competitive, and we encounter strong competition for deposits, loans and other financial services in our market area. Our principal competitors include commercial banks of all types, finance companies, credit unions, mortgage brokers, insurance agencies, trust companies and various sellers of investments and investment advice. Many of our non-bank competitors are not subject to the same degree of regulation as we are and have advantages

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over us in providing certain services. Additionally, many of our competitors are significantly larger than we are and have greater access to capital and other resources. Failure to compete effectively for deposit, loan and other banking customers in our markets could cause us to lose market share, slow our growth rate and may have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

**We may be required to raise capital in the future, but that capital may not be available or may not be on acceptable terms when it is needed.**

We are required by federal regulatory authorities to maintain adequate capital levels to support operations. Our ability to raise additional capital is dependent on capital market conditions at that time and on our financial performance and outlook. Pending regulatory changes, such as the Dodd-Frank Act, may require us to have more capital than was previously required. If we cannot raise additional capital when needed, we may not be able to meet these requirements, and our ability to further expand our operations through organic growth or through acquisitions may be adversely affected.

**The securities purchase agreement between S&T and the U.S. Treasury limits our ability to pay dividends on and repurchase our common stock.**

We applied to participate in the CPP and were approved to receive \$108.7 million in exchange for the U.S. Treasury purchase of our senior preferred stock. The transaction closed on January 16, 2009. Subsequently, the ARRA, signed into law in February 2009, allowed financial institutions such as us to redeem Series A Preferred Stock issued in the CPP, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends, at any time, without increasing common equity, subject to approval by banking regulatory agencies. If we only redeem a portion of the CPP investment, we must redeem a minimum of 25 percent of the issue, or \$27.2 million. Our securities purchase agreement with the U.S. Treasury provides that prior to the earlier of (i) January 16, 2012 or (ii) the date on which all of the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock have been redeemed by us or transferred by the U.S. Treasury to third parties, we may not, without the consent of the U.S. Treasury: (a) increase the cash dividend on our common stock (above the dividend amount prior to the participation in the CPP), or (b) subject to limited exceptions, redeem, repurchase or otherwise acquire shares of our common stock or preferred stock other than the Series A Preferred Stock. In addition, we may only pay dividends on our common stock if we are current in our dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock. These restrictions, together with the potentially dilutive impact of the Warrant issued to the U.S. Treasury and described below, could have a negative effect on the value of our common stock.

**The Series A Preferred Stock impacts net income available to our common shareholders and earnings per common share, and the Warrant we issued to the U.S. Treasury may be dilutive to holders of our common stock.**

The dividends declared on the Series A Preferred Stock will reduce the net income available to common shareholders and our earnings per common share. The Series A Preferred Stock will also receive preferential treatment in the event of our liquidation or dissolution. Additionally, the ownership interest of the existing holders of our common stock may be diluted to the extent the Warrant we issued to the U.S. Treasury in conjunction with the sale to the U.S. Treasury of the Series A Preferred Stock is exercised. The shares of common stock underlying the Warrant represents approximately 1.80 percent of the shares of our common stock outstanding as of February 28, 2011 (including the shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrant in total shares outstanding). Although the U.S. Treasury has agreed not to vote any of the shares of common stock it receives upon exercise of the Warrant, a transferee of any portion of the Warrant or of any shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of the Warrant is not bound by this restriction.





**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS** continued

**Our ability to pay dividends on our common stock may be limited.**

Holders of our common stock will be entitled to receive only such dividends as our Board of Directors may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. Although we have historically declared cash dividends on our common stock, we are not required to do so and our Board of Directors could reduce, suspend or eliminate our dividend at any time. Our ability to increase our dividend is subject to the CPP regulations described above. Any change to the dividends on our common stock could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

**Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

There were no unresolved comments received from the SEC regarding S&T's periodic or current reports within the last 180 days prior to December 31, 2010.

**Item 2. PROPERTIES**

S&T owns a four-story building in Indiana, Pennsylvania, located at 800 Philadelphia Street, which serves as its headquarters, executive and administrative offices. It shares this facility with Community Banking and Wealth Management and the executive office of the Insurance segment. Additionally, S&T leases a building in Indiana, Pennsylvania that serves as its data processing and technology center and owns a two-story building directly behind that serves as additional administrative offices.

Community Banking has 51 offices, located in nine counties in Pennsylvania, of which 34 are owned and 17 are leased. Community Banking also leases one office to Insurance. Wealth Management leases one office, located in Allegheny County in Pennsylvania. Wealth Management also has several staff located within the Community Banking offices to provide their services to retail customers. Insurance leases three offices located in three counties in Pennsylvania. Insurance also has three staff located within the Community Banking offices in Jefferson and Blair counties. The operating and capital leases for Community Banking, Wealth Management and Insurance expire at various dates through the year 2054 and generally include options to renew. For additional information regarding the lease commitments, refer to Note 10 Premises and Equipment in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of this Report.

**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

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The nature of our business generates a certain amount of litigation involving matters arising in the ordinary course of business. However, in management's opinion, there are no proceedings pending to which S&T is a party or to which our property is subject, which, if determined adversely to S&T, would be material in relation to our shareholders' equity or financial condition. In addition, no material proceedings are pending nor are known to be threatened or contemplated against us by governmental authorities or other parties.

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## PART II

**Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES****Stock Prices and Dividend Information**

S&T's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market System (NASDAQ) under the symbol STBA. The range of sale prices for the years 2010 and 2009 is set forth in the table below and is based upon information obtained from NASDAQ. As of the close of business on February 28, 2011, there were 3,092 shareholders of record of S&T. Dividends paid by S&T are primarily provided from S&T Bank's dividends to S&T. The payment of dividends by S&T Bank to S&T is subject to the restrictions described in Item 8, Note 15 Dividend and Loan Restrictions of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the Report). The cash dividends declared shown below represent the historical per share amounts for S&T common stock.

	Price Range of Common Stock		Cash Dividends Declared
	Low	High	
<b>2010</b>			
Fourth quarter	\$ 17.00	\$ 23.91	\$ 0.15
Third quarter	16.64	22.29	0.15
Second quarter	19.52	25.84	0.15
First quarter	15.75	22.22	0.15
<b>2009</b>			
Fourth quarter	\$ 12.15	\$ 17.82	\$ 0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>
Third quarter	10.49	18.25	0.15
Second quarter	11.62	25.24	0.15
First quarter	17.55	35.54	0.31

<sup>(1)</sup> S&T's Board of Directors (the Board) approved a change in timing of the declaration and payment of dividends to provide better alignment with quarterly earnings beginning in the fourth quarter of 2009. The Board declared a \$0.15 per common share cash dividend at its meeting held January 18, 2010. The dividend was payable February 25, 2010 to common shareholders of record on February 1, 2010.

**Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES** continued

**Five-Year Cumulative Total Return**

The following chart compares the cumulative total shareholder return on S&T common stock with the cumulative total shareholder return of the NASDAQ Composite Index and NASDAQ Bank Index <sup>(1)</sup> assuming a \$100 investment in each on December 31, 2005.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
STBA	\$ 100	\$ 96	\$ 79	\$ 106	\$ 53	\$ 72
NASDAQ Composite Index	100	108	118	70	101	118
NASDAQ Bank Index	100	110	86	65	53	59

<sup>(1)</sup> The NASDAQ Bank Index contains securities of NASDAQ-listed companies classified according to the Industry Classification Benchmark as Banks. These companies include banks providing a broad range of financial services, including retail banking, loans and money transmissions.

During 2010 and 2009, S&T's Board did not authorize any additional buyback programs. On June 18, 2007, S&T's Board authorized a buyback program of one million shares until June 30, 2008. During 2007, S&T repurchased 971,400 shares at an average cost of \$32.74 per share. During 2010 and 2009, S&T reissued 205,135 shares and 113,626 shares, respectively, primarily through restricted stock awards and shares sold for the dividend reinvestment and thrift plans.

**Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The tables below set forth selected consolidated financial data as of the dates or for the periods indicated and should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Item 7 and the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes in Item 8 of this Report.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

<b>December 31</b> <i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Total assets	\$ 4,114,339	\$ 4,170,475	\$ 4,438,368	\$ 3,407,621	\$ 3,338,543
Securities available-for-sale	288,025	354,860	452,713	358,822	432,045
Goodwill	165,273	165,167	163,546	50,087	49,955
Net loans	3,312,540	3,344,827	3,526,027	2,762,594	2,633,071
Total deposits	3,317,524	3,304,541	3,228,416	2,621,825	2,565,306
Securities sold under repurchase agreements and federal funds purchased	40,653	44,935	113,419	100,258	133,021
Short-term borrowings		51,300	308,475	80,000	55,000
Long-term borrowings	29,365	85,894	180,331	201,021	171,941
Junior subordinated debt securities	90,619	90,619	90,619	25,000	25,000
Total shareholders' equity	578,665	553,318	448,694	337,560	339,051

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

<b>Years Ended December 31</b> <i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Interest income	\$ 180,419	\$ 195,087	\$ 216,118	\$ 215,605	\$ 204,702
Interest expense	34,573	49,105	72,171	99,167	91,584
Provision for loan losses	29,511	72,354	12,878	5,812	9,380
<b>Net Interest Income After Provision for Loan Losses</b>	<b>116,335</b>	<b>73,628</b>	<b>131,069</b>	<b>110,626</b>	<b>103,738</b>
Noninterest income	47,210	38,580	37,452	40,605	40,390
Noninterest expense	105,633	108,126	83,801	73,460	69,279
<b>Income Before Taxes</b>	<b>57,912</b>	<b>4,082</b>	<b>84,720</b>	<b>77,771</b>	<b>74,849</b>
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	14,432	(3,869)	24,517	21,627	21,513
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>43,480</b>	<b>7,951</b>	<b>60,203</b>	<b>56,144</b>	<b>53,336</b>
Preferred stock dividends and amortization of discount	6,201	5,913			
<b>Net Income Available to Common Shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 37,279</b>	<b>\$ 2,038</b>	<b>\$ 60,203</b>	<b>\$ 56,144</b>	<b>\$ 53,336</b>

**Per Share Data**

Common earnings per share - basic	\$ 1.34	\$ 0.07	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.27	\$ 2.07
Common earnings per share - diluted	1.34	0.07	2.28	2.26	2.06
Dividends declared per common share	0.60	0.61	1.24	1.21	1.17
Common book value	16.91	16.14	16.24	13.75	13.37

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**Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Management's Discussion and Analysis ( MD&A ) represents an overview of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of S&T. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes presented in Item 8 of this Report. Results of operations for the periods included in this review are not necessarily indicative of results to be obtained during any future periods.

**Important Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Report contains or incorporates statements that S&T believes are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements generally relate to S&T's financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance or business. They usually can be identified by the use of forward-looking language such as will likely result, may, are expected to, is anticipated, estimate, forecast, projected, intends to or other similar words. You should not place undue reliance on these statements, as they are subject to risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to, those described in this Form 10-K or the documents incorporated by reference. When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind these risks and uncertainties, as well as any cautionary statements we may make. Moreover, you should treat these statements as speaking only as of the date they are made and based only on information actually known to us at that time. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about S&T's business, management's beliefs and assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions ( Future Factors ), which are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in these forward-looking statements.

Future Factors include:

- changes in interest rates, spreads on earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the shape of the yield curve and interest rate sensitivity;
- a prolonged period of low interest rates;
- credit losses and material changes in the quality of our loan portfolio;
- financial resources in the amounts, at the times and on the terms required to support our future businesses;
- legislation affecting the financial services industry as a whole, and/or S&T, including the effects of the Dodd-Frank Act;
- regulatory supervision and oversight, including required capital levels, and public policy changes, including environmental regulations;
- increasing price and product/service competition by competitors, including new entrants;
- rapid technological developments and changes;
- the ability to continue to introduce competitive new products and services on a timely, cost-effective basis;
- continued deterioration of the housing market and reduced demand for mortgages;
- containing costs and expenses;
- reliance on large customers;
- the outcome of pending and future litigation and governmental proceedings;
- managing our internal growth and acquisitions;
- general economic or business conditions, either nationally or regionally in western Pennsylvania, may be less favorable than expected, resulting in among other things, a reduced demand for credit and other services;

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**Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**continued**

a decline in market capitalization to common book value, which could warrant further analysis of the carrying value of goodwill and could result in an adjustment to its carrying value resulting in a charge to net income; and  
a continuation of recent turbulence in significant portions of the global financial and real estate markets could impact our performance, both directly, by affecting our revenues and the value of our assets and liabilities and indirectly, by affecting the economy generally. These are representative of the Future Factors that could affect the outcome of the forward-looking statements. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, general economic conditions, including interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations and other Future Factors.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Judgments**

S&T's Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). Application of these principles requires management to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. These estimates, assumptions and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements; accordingly, as this information changes, the Consolidated Financial Statements could reflect different estimates, assumptions and judgments. Certain policies inherently are based to a greater extent on estimates, assumptions and judgments of management and, as such, have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported.

The most significant accounting policies followed by S&T are presented in Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which are included in Item 8 of this Report. These policies, along with the disclosures presented in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, provide information on how significant assets and liabilities are valued in the Consolidated Financial Statements and how those values are determined.

Management views critical accounting policies to be those which are highly dependent on subjective or complex estimates, assumptions and judgments and where changes in those estimates and assumptions could have a significant impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements. Management currently views the determination of the allowance for loan losses ( ALL ), income taxes, securities valuation and goodwill and other intangible assets and to be critical accounting policies.

***Allowance for Loan Losses***

The ALL represents management's estimate of probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date and is presented as a reserve against loans in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The ALL is increased by a provision charged to expense and reduced by charge-offs, net of recoveries. The liability for loss on loan commitments represents management's estimate of probable losses associated with future advances against loan commitments. Determination of an adequate ALL and liability for loss on loan commitments is inherently subject