



Contact: Hedi Cho
804-291-2439

For Immediate Release
May 1, 2009

Mortgage Originator Magazine Recognizes SunTrust Mortgage in Its Top 200 Originators List

RICHMOND, VA – SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. is pleased to announce it had another strong showing in the Top 200 Originators annual ranking by *Mortgage Originator* magazine. The Top 200 Originators list, which recognizes top loan originators in 2008, ranked 49 total SunTrust Mortgage loan officers on the dollar and units leaderboards. This marked the fourth year in a row that SunTrust Mortgage had the most loan officers mentioned in the magazine’s rankings.

Notable achievements by SunTrust Mortgage loan officers in the latest ranking include:

- 49 total loan officers ranked on the dollar and units leaderboards, the most in the industry.
- 24 loan officers ranked for top dollar volume, the most in the industry. Out of those 24, ten of those loan officers improved their ranking from last year and eight made it this year who were not ranked last year.
- 25 loan officers ranked for top number of loans (units). Out of those 25, five of those loan officers improved their ranking from last year and ten made it this year who were not ranked last year.
- 12 loan officers were ranked on both the dollar and unit leaderboards.
- Three loan officers ranked on the FHA/VA leaderboard.

“Although 2008 was a difficult year in the mortgage industry, the challenging conditions didn’t prevent SunTrust Mortgage’s major producers from achieving top performer ranking in this year’s *Mortgage Originator* magazine,” said SunTrust Mortgage President and CEO Sterling Edmunds, Jr. “These rankings are a testament to the hard work and professional skills of our loan officers, and we are especially proud of their achievement in such a difficult market. It is an honor for so many of our associates to be recognized as top performers, when at the same time, SunTrust Mortgage is being recognized as a top customer service lender.”

In October 2008, SunTrust Mortgage was ranked “Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Primary Mortgage Sales” for the 2008 J.D. Power and Associates Primary Mortgage Origination StudySM.

Mortgage Originator magazine releases its Top 200 Originators ranking every year. To be eligible for consideration, loan originators had to personally close at least \$30 million and/or 175 loans of personal, residential volume in 2008. Nearly 500 loan originators nationwide turned in submissions to be considered for this latest ranking.

SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SunTrust Bank, one of the nation’s largest banking institutions, serving a broad range of consumer, commercial, corporate, and institutional clients. As of March 31, 2009, SunTrust had total assets of \$179.1 billion and total deposits of \$119.0 billion. Headquartered in Richmond, VA, SunTrust Mortgage originates loans through 202 locations in SunTrust markets and adjacent states, maintains correspondent and broker relationships in 49 states, and services mortgage loans in 50 states and the District of Columbia. SunTrust Mortgage’s internet address is www.suntrustmortgage.com.

SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., is ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Primary Mortgage Sales" by J.D. Power and Associates 2008 Primary Mortgage Origination StudySM. SunTrust Mortgage received the highest numerical score among mortgage lenders in the proprietary J.D Power and Associates 2008 Primary Mortgage Origination StudySM. Study based on more than 4,200 responses measuring lenders and measuring opinions of consumers who originated a new mortgage in the past nine months. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed in July 2007–June 2008. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

#