



April 8, 2019

FDIC Atlanta Regional Office
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via email: BankMergerApplication@fdic.gov

RE: SunTrust Bank Merger with BB&T

To Whom it May Concern,

Petra Capital Partners ("Petra") has a long-standing relationship with SunTrust Bank. SunTrust Community Capital invested in our 2008 SBIC fund Petra Growth Fund II, LP ("PGF II") and again in 2013 in our third SBIC fund, Petra Growth Fund III, LP ("PGF III"). From the time of their initial investment, SunTrust has been a valued member of our Advisory Board.

Petra has been a pioneer of the growth capital model, having invested more than \$650 million in nearly 100 high-growth private companies since we started in 1996. We are particularly passionate about finding opportunities with small businesses. As mentioned, we are licensed as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and were named SBIC of the Year in 2012, helping to create more than 7,500 jobs through our investments. Since the time of investment by PGF II and PGF III, our portfolio companies have increased the number of jobs by approximately 40%. SunTrust played a role in this by its commitment and support of our SBIC funds.

After the pending merger of SunTrust and BB&T, there will be even more potential for SBIC investment through our fourth fund currently in the process of SBIC licensing. This will allow for greater financing opportunities as well in our portfolio companies.

I support the pending merger and look forward to continuing the relationship for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Michael W. Blackburn.

Michael W. Blackburn
Managing Partner
Petra Capital Partners