

Hilltop Holdings Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Martin John A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330
(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
PlainsCapital Corp. EVP/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/23/2016 | | A | (A) or (D) Amount 10,986 (1) | \$ 0 96,986 (2) | D | |

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

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Martin John A 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330 DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | PlainsCapital Corp. EVP/CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ JOHN A.
MARTIN 02/25/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an equal number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, upon the third anniversary of the date of grant, February 23, 2019, or immediately upon the earlier occurrence of events specified in the reporting person's restricted stock unit award agreement, including a "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc. The shares of common stock deliverable upon conversion of such restricted stock units will be subject to restrictions on transfer until the first anniversary of the vesting date of the restricted stock units, February 23, 2020, or an earlier "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc.
- (1) "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc. The shares of common stock deliverable upon conversion of such restricted stock units will be subject to restrictions on transfer until the first anniversary of the vesting date of the restricted stock units, February 23, 2020, or an earlier "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc.
- (2) Includes 1,521 shares of common stock held in an individual retirement account for the benefit of the reporting person.

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