

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 *
FORD GERALD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350

(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)
01/01/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2015 | | A | 4,973 A | Ⓣ 8,459 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15,544,674 | I | By Diamond A Financial, LP ⁽²⁾ |

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)

| 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FORD GERALD J 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201 | X | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Gerald J. Ford 01/05/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) As of the effective time (the "Effective Time") of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among SWS Group, Inc. ("SWS"), Hilltop Holdings Inc. ("Hilltop") and Peruna LLC, dated as of March 31, 2014 (the "Merger Agreement"), SWS merged with and into Hilltop Securities Holdings LLC (formerly Peruna LLC) ("Hilltop Securities"), with Hilltop Securities surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Hilltop (the "Merger"). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and subject to certain exceptions, each share of SWS's common stock that was outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time was cancelled and converted into the right to receive (a) 0.2496 shares of Hilltop common stock and (b) \$1.94 in cash, without interest. On the last trading day prior to the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of SWS's common stock was \$6.91 and the closing price of the Issuer's common stock was \$19.95.
- (2) Represents securities owned directly by Diamond A Financial, LP and indirectly by Mr. Ford as a general partner of Diamond A Financial, LP. Mr. Ford disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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