

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 07, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **January 7, 2011**

**First Citizens BancShares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-16715**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-1528994**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**27609**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(919) 716-7000**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 7, 2011, Registrant issued the attached press release announcing the merger of its two wholly-owned banking subsidiaries First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company and IronStone Bank.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed with this Report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99	Copy of press release dated January 7, 2011

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**First Citizens BancShares, Inc.**

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(Registrant)

**/s/ KENNETH A. BLACK**

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**January 7, 2011**

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(Date)

Kenneth A. Black

*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*