Ameris Bancorp Form 4 February 21, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 obligations may continue.

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section See Instruction 1(b).

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **EDWARDS JON S**

(First) (Middle) (Last)

P.O. BOX 3668

MOULTRIE, GA 31776

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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below)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

EVP & Dir of Credit Admin

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

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

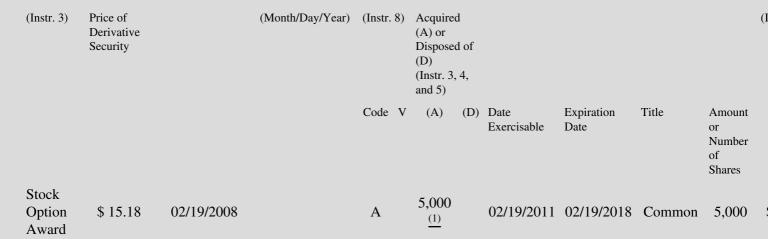
Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EDWARDS JON S P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776

EVP & Dir of Credit Admin

Signatures

Jon S. Edwards, by Cara P. Horne, Attorney-In-Fact

02/21/2008

**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).
- (1) Options issued under Ameris Bancorp Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options will vest in their entirety and first become exercisable on February 19, 2011

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