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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Zember Dennis J JR Issuer Symbol Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify P.O. BOX 3668 02/13/2015 below) EVP & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MOULTRIE, GA 31776

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	02/13/2015		M	12,337	A	\$ 16.42	150,431.1404	D	
Common	02/13/2015		M	5,140	A	\$ 17.51	155,571.1404	D	
Common							2,076	I	Sons

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
ABCB Incentive Stock Option Plan	\$ 16.42 (1)	02/13/2015		M		12,337 (1)	02/15/2010	02/15/2015	Common	12,337
ABCB Incentive Stock Option Plan	\$ 17.51 (2)	02/13/2015		M		5,140 (2)	06/28/2010	06/28/2015	Common	5,140

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Zember Dennis J JR P.O. BOX 3668

EVP & CFO

MOULTRIE, GA 31776

Signatures

Dennis J. Zember Jr., by Cara P. Monfort, Attorney-In-Fact

02/17/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This option was previously reported as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$20.26 per share, but was adjusted to reflect a stock (1) split that occurred on March 31, 2005 and the stock dividends that were issued on October 10, 2009, January 10, 2010, April 9, 2010, and July 9, 2010.
- On June 28, 2005, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$18.00.

 The option vests in five equal installments based on the achievement of certain annual performance benchmarks. The performance criteria for 2005 and 2006 were met, resulting in vesting of the option as to 5,000 shares, which number was adjusted to reflect the stock dividends that were issued on October 10, 2009, January 10, 2010, April 9, 2010, and July 9, 2010.

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