

ABC BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
December 01, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 1, 2005**

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**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**24 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**31768**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

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**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On October 28, 2005, the Board of Directors of ABC Bancorp (the Company ) unanimously approved by written consent Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company providing for the change of the Company s name to Ameris Bancorp. Those Articles of Amendment were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia on December 1, 2005 and became effective as of that date. A copy of the Articles of Amendment as filed is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

3.1 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of ABC Bancorp

**SIGNATURE**

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

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.

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Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 1, 2005

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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