Ameris Bancorp Form 4 February 21, 2008

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

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Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Zember Dennis J JR

> (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

P.O. BOX 3668

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

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)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Owned Following Reported

Beneficially

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Director

Applicable Line)

X\_ Officer (give title

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

below) EVP & CFO

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

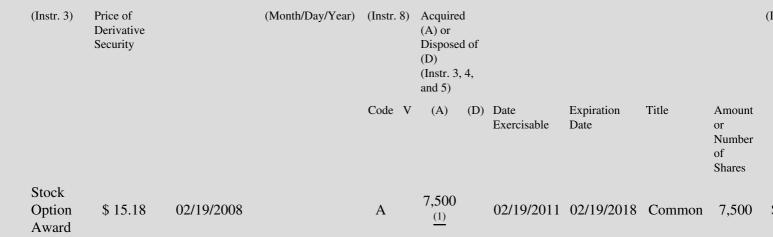
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Indirect

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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. Horne, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*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 10, 2011.

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