

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 3668  
(Street)  
MOULTRIE, GA 31776  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/13/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
ABCB Incentive Stock Option Plan	\$ 16.42 <u>(1)</u>	02/13/2015		M	12,337 <u>(1)</u>	02/15/2010 02/15/2015		Common	12,337
ABCB Incentive Stock Option Plan	\$ 17.51 <u>(2)</u>	02/13/2015		M	5,140 <u>(2)</u>	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 MOULTRIE, GA 31776			EVP & CFO	

## 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).
- (1) 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 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.
- (2) 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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