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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

P.O. BOX 3668

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

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below) below) EVP & CFO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

MOULTRIE, GA 31776

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) 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)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date Expire Exercisable Date

Expiration Title

Amount or

Number of Shares

Stock

Option \$ 22.86 Award

2.86 06/13/2007

A 12,000

01/31/2012 06/13/2017 Common

non 12,000

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. Horne, Attorney-In-Fact

06/15/2007

**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).
- Options issued under Ameris Bancorp Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan. Up to 20% of the total option grant amount may vest annually based upon the achievement of annual performance benchmarks.

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