

BANTA GEOFFREY R  
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 \*  
BANTA GEOFFREY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST  
(Street)

DERIDDER, LA 70634

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERISAFE INC [AMSF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

| 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 03/14/2013                           |  | M                              |   | 6,000   | A  | \$ 9 14,490 D                     |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 03/14/2013                           |  | S                              |   | 3,000   | D  | \$ 34.48 11,490 D                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | (1)   |  |                                   |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 9   | 03/14/2013                           |  | M                              | 6,000   | 11/17/2008 11/17/2015                                    | Stock, par value \$0.01                                       | 6,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| BANTA GEOFFREY R<br>2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST<br>DERIDDER, LA 70634 |               |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ G. Janelle Frost, attorney-in-fact for Geoffrey R.  
Banta

03/14/2013

\_\_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).

Represents the weighted average selling price of the Issuer's common stock. The range of the sales prices were between \$34.30 and (1) \$34.77. The Reporting Person undertakes, upon request, to provide the SEC, the Issuer and any security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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