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1(b).

Name and Address of Reporting Person EDWARDS JON S	Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Last) (First) (Middle	Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
P. O. BOX 3668	(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2016				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
MOULTRIE, GA 31776		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 53,490.7832	D	

Common Stock 12 I

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 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. l De Sec (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
ABCB Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.13	03/03/2016		M	823 (2)	12/11/2010	05/16/2016	Common	823	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EDWARDS JON S P. O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776

EVP & Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Jon S. Edwards, by Angela Redd as Attorney-in-Fact

03/07/2016

**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 total includes 11.3111 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in an employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan.
- On May 16, 2006 the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 4,000 shares of common stock at an exercisable price of \$20.76. (2) The option vests in five equal installments based on the achievement of certain annual performance benchmarks. The performance criteria for 2010 were met, resulting in the vesting of 823 shares.

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