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Form 8-K  
August 28, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 22, 2012  
Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia  
(State or Other

001-13901  
(Commission File Number)

58-1456434  
(IRS Employer

Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

Identification No.)

310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

31768  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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“ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 22, 2012, Ameris Bancorp (the Company) completed the repurchase of the Warrant to purchase 698,554.05 shares of the Company's common stock issued to the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) in November 2008. The Company repurchased the warrant for a total price of \$2,670,000. The repurchase had no impact on the Company's results of operations, as the repurchase price results in a reduction of the Company's cash and an offsetting reduction in capital surplus. As previously announced, on June 13, 2012 Treasury sold all of its shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, par value \$0.01 per share, to other investors in a registered public offering.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(principal accounting and financial officer)

Dated: August 28, 2012