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(Print or Type R	lesponses)									
1. Name and A Zember Den	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (Mic		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
PO BOX 36		(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2017				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP & COO				
	nendment, Date Original (onth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
MOULTRIE	E, GA 31776						Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State) (Z	iip) Tab l	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ecurity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, i		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or)) 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/14/2017		Code V A	Amount 6,302 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 0	166,098	D		
Common Stock							2,076	Ι	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Zember Dennis J JR PO BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776			EVP & COO				
Signatures							
Dennis J. Zember, Jr by Angela A attorney-in-fact	A. Redd,		02/1	6/2017			

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

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) Restricted stock grant pursuant to the Ameris Bancorp 2014 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, vesting on February 14, 2020, with 1/2 of the issued number of shares vesting subject to achievement of three-year performance period.

Date

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