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| EXDITES' | | | | | | | 2005 average rs per | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LEWIS CINDI H | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] | | | | ıg | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) P.O. BOX 3 | | Middle) | 3. Date of (Month/D 05/12/20 | - | ansaction | | | Director X Officer (give below) | 10% | Owner | |
| | | | | f Amendment, Date Original d(Month/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 Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Aco | quired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | Execution any | on Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V | on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Indirect Beneficial | |
| Common | 05/12/2014 | | | M | 2,467 | A | \$ 15.3 | 57,412.1471 (1) | D | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | 676 | Ι | Spouse | |

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)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number onof 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| ABCB Incentive Stock Option Plan | \$ 15.3 | 05/12/2014 | | М | 2,467 | 05/18/2009 | 05/18/2014 | Common | 2,467 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| LEWIS CINDI H P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776 | | | EVP & CAO | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Cindi H. Lewis, by Cara P. Mon Attorney-In-Fact | ıfort, | | 05/13/2014 | | | | |
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Po | erson | | 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 64.9902 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in an employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan.

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