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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

may continue.

See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zember Dennis J JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (M		Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(1.1181) (19	, 2.24.0		ansaction			D: .	100		
PO BOX 36	`	(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2017			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & COO					
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of 5) Price	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	03/15/2017		F	2,371	D	\$ 47.9	163,727	D		

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Zember Dennis J JR			EVD %				
PO BOX 3668			EVP &				
MOULTRIE, GA 31776			COO				

Signatures

Dennis J. Zember, Jr., by Angela A. Redd as attorney-in-fact

03/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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