

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 4  
April 29, 2016

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LEWIS CINDI H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 3668

(Street)

MOULITRE, GA 31776

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**04/29/2016**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/28/2016		M	823 A	\$ 20.18	60,148.4016 (2)	D
Common Stock					676	I	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
ABCB Incentive Stock Option	\$ 20.18 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/29/2016		M	823 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/16/2011 05/16/2016	Common	823 \$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEWIS CINDI H PO BOX 3668 MOULITRE, GA 31776			EVP & CAO	

## Signatures

Cindi H. Lewis by Angela A. Redd,  
Attorney-In-Fact

04/29/2016

                     \*\*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).

- On May 16, 2006, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 4,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$20.76. The options vested in five equal installments based on the achievement of certain annual performance benchmarks. The performance
- (1) criteria for 2007 was met, however, years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 were not met. The number of options outstanding and the exercise price were adjusted to reflect the stock dividends that were issued on October 10, 2009, January 10, 2010, April 10, 2010 and July 10, 2010.
- (2) This total includes 15.4448 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in an employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan.

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