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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zember Dennis J JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
PO BOX 3668			05/01/2017	X Officer (give title Other (spe below) below) EVP & COO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MOULTRIE, GA 31776			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock Common Stock	05/01/2017		Code V S	Amount 15,000	(D)	Price \$ 47.379	148,727 2,076	D I	children	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	4. Transactio		6. Date Exercises Expiration D	ate	7. Title a	of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative	(Month/Day/ e	i cai j	Underlyi Securitie	_	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene
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					4, and 5)						
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				Code V	(A) (D)			Sl	hares		

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

05/03/2017

**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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