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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MESS CHARLES F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SANDY SPRING BANCORP,  
INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/26/2008

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 (A) 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 (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/26/2008		A	280	A	\$ 0	280	I	Restricted Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock							14,011.318	D	
Common Stock							975	I	Self Dir Pension Pl
Common Stock							215	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By stock award

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96	03/26/2008		A	1,251	03/26/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,251
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/21/2011	Common Stock	704
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2012	Common Stock	1,617
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/11/2012	Common Stock	756
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/17/2013	Common Stock	1,103
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/13/2010	Common Stock	1,082
Stock Options	\$ 38					12/15/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/15/2014	Common Stock	1,299

(Right to Buy)

Stock

Options (Right to Buy) \$ 37.4

12/13/2007<sup>(2)</sup> 12/13/2013

Common Stock 1,251

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MESS CHARLES F SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Dr. Mess

03/28/2008

\_\_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).
- (1) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments on the anniversary dates of the award.
- (2) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Stock Options are fully vested and exercisable.

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