

HORTMAN EDWIN W JR  
Form 4  
February 21, 2018

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HORTMAN EDWIN W JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 3668

(Street)

MOULTRIE, GA 31776

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]

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

02/16/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Exec. Chairman, President&CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2018		M	25,701	A \$ 14.76	253,987.082	D
Common Stock	02/20/2018		A	12,974 (1)	A \$ 0	266,961.082	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)

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 Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.76	02/16/2018		M	25,701 (2)	02/19/2011 02/19/2018	Common Stock 25,701

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HORTMAN EDWIN W JR PO BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776	X Exec. Chairmain, President&CEO

## Signatures

Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. by Cindi H. Lewis as attorney-in-fact  
 02/21/2018  
 \*\*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 grant pursuant to the Ameris Bancorp 2014 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, vesting on February 20, 2021, with 1/2 of the issued number of shares vesting subject to achievement of three-year performance condition.  
 On February 19, 2008, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$14.76. The option vested over a three-year period beginning on the award anniversary date. The number of shares issuable upon exercise
- (2) has been adjusted to reflect vested stock dividends that were issued October 10, 2009, January 10, 2010, April 10, 2010 and July 10, 2010.

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