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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HORTMAN EDWIN W JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
P.O. BOX 3	(Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2009						Director 10% Owner Self-order (give title below) below) President & CEO					
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ion	4. Securiti (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	of (D) Frice	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	01/20/2009			A		15,000	A	\$ 7.68	66,948.0558	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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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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed o (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 Award	\$ 7.68	01/20/2009		A	15,000 (2)	01/31/2014	01/31/2019	Common	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HORTMAN EDWIN W JR P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776

President & CEO

Signatures

Edwin W. Hortman, Jr., by Cara P. Horne, Attorney-In-Fact

01/22/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) This total includes 893.0466 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in stock purchase dividend reinvestment plans.
- Options issued under Ameris Bancorp Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan. Up to 20% of the total option grant amount may vest annually based upon the achievement of annual performance.

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