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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Melton Stephen A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/18/2011

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

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

P.O. BOX 3668

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
EVP & Chief Risk Officer

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

MOULTRIE,Â GAÂ 31776

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Expiration
Exercisable Date

Title Amount or
Number of
Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Melton Stephen A P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776	Â	Â	Â EVP & Chief Risk Officer	Â

Signatures

Stephen A. Melton, by Cara P. Dean,
Attorney-In-Fact

10/19/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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