#### MCDONALD MICHAEL F

Form 4 April 29, 2010

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MCDONALD MICHAEL F Issuer Symbol Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify P.O. BOX 3668 04/23/2010 below) below) SVP & Dir of Retail Banking (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MOULTRIE, GA 31776 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 04/23/2010 S \$ 11 14,496.0295 D

3,683

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCDONALD MICHAEL F P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776

SVP & Dir of Retail Banking

## **Signatures**

Michael F. McDonald, by Cara P. Dean, Attorney-In-Fact

04/29/2010

\*\*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).
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