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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Ameris Bancorp [ABCB] Bowen William I. Jr. (Month/Day/Year) 11/18/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) P.O. BOX 3668 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X__ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _ Other Person MOULTRIE, GAÂ 31776 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common 2,495.7693 Common 563 I Spouse Common 400 I Children Family Trust 1,500 I Common Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership

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(Month/Day	y/Year)		Derivative S (Instr. 4)	ecurity	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Bowen William I. Jr. P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	

Signatures

William I. Bowen, Jr., by Cara P. Monfort, Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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