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April 20, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 20, 2010
Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia
(State or Other

001-13901
(Commission File Number)

58-1456434
(IRS Employer

Jurisdiction of

Identification No.)

Incorporation)

310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

31768
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 20, 2010, Ameris Bancorp closed the previously announced underwritten public offering of shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$9.50 per share. The Company sold 9,473,125 shares of its common stock, including shares issued to the underwriters in connection with the exercise of their over-allotment option. The net proceeds to the Company, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$84.9 million. A copy of the press release announcing the closing of the offering is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated April 20, 2010.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.
Dennis J. Zember Jr.
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April 20, 2010

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated April 20, 2010. |