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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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 Friis Mark E Issuer Symbol SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC (Check all applicable) [SASR] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) SANDY SPRING BANCORP. 02/01/2008 INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE (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 **OLNEY, MD 20832** 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 Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common P 02/01/2008 1,000 D 3,386 29.4 Stock Common I By Trust 1,800 Stock Common Restricted 215 I

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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		3 3 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007(2)	12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,251	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005	12/14/2012	Common Stock	788	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Friis Mark E SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE **OLNEY, MD 20832**

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Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr.

Friis 02/04/2008

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- 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) Award of restricted stock under stock option plan. Vests 1/5 each on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th award anniversary.

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(2) Award of stock options under stock option plan. Vests 1/3 each on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd award anniversary.

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