

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
January 03, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 3, 2007

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**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**24 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 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))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 3, 2007, Ameris Bancorp ( Ameris ) issued a press release announcing the completion of Ameris 's acquisition of Islands Bancorp ( Islands ) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Islands Community Bank, N.A. ( Islands Bank ), as of December 31, 2006, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 15, 2006 (the Agreement ) by and among Islands, Islands Bank, Ameris and Ameris Bank (f/k/a American Banking Company), as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 19, 2006 (the Amendment ). A copy of that press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The Agreement is incorporated herein by reference to Ameris 's report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on August 17, 2006, and the Amendment is incorporated herein by reference to Ameris 's report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 19, 2006.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger among Islands Bancorp and Islands Community Bank, N.A., on the one hand, and Ameris Bancorp and Ameris Bank (f/k/a American Banking Company), on the other hand, dated as of August 15, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Ameris Bancorp 's report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on August 17, 2006).

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99.1 Press release dated January 3, 2007.

**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: January 3, 2007

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