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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

 $x\,QUARTERLY$ REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009

OR

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

Commission File Number: 001-13901

AMERIS BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

GEORGIA (State of incorporation)

58-1456434 (IRS Employer ID No.)

310 FIRST STREET, SE, MOULTRIE, GA 31768 (Address of principal executive offices)

(229) 890-1111 (Registrant's telephone number)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer x

Smaller reporting company o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act). Yes o No x

There were 13,584,107 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of April 28, 2009.

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Item 1.

Financial Statements

AMERIS BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in Thousands)

Assets	March 31, 2009 (Unaudited)		Е	December 31, 2008 (Audited)		March 31, 2008 (Unaudited)	
Cash and due from banks	\$	54,758	\$	66,787	\$	63,401	
Federal funds sold & interest bearing accounts	Ψ	137,770	Ψ	144,383	Ψ	4,389	
Investment securities available for sale, at fair		137,770		111,505		1,507	
value		344,032		367,894		295,801	
Other investments		5,702		8,627		8,784	
		2,702		0,027		0,701	
Loans		1,672,923		1,695,777		1,622,437	
Less: allowance for loan losses		42,417		39,652		28,094	
Loans, net		1,630,506		1,656,125		1,594,343	
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Premises and equipment, net		65,152		66,107		60,053	
Intangible assets, net		3,485		3,631		4,509	
Goodwill		54,813		54,813		54,675	
Other assets		50,060		38,723		32,288	
Total assets	\$	2,346,278	\$	2,407,090	\$	2,118,243	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Deposits:							
Noninterest-bearing	\$	207,686	\$	208,532	\$	199,692	
Interest-bearing		1,820,998		1,804,993		1,584,599	
Total deposits		2,028,684		2,013,525		1,784,291	
Federal funds purchased & securities sold							
under agreements to repurchase		18,295		27,416		4,987	
Other borrowings		7,000					