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## Ameris Bancorp Closes Subordinated Notes Offering

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MOULTRIE, Ga., March 13, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Ameris Bancorp (Nasdaq: ABCB) (the "Company"), the parent holding company of Ameris Bank (the "Bank"), announced today the closing of its underwritten public offering of \$75 million of its 5.75% fixed-to-floating subordinated notes due 2027 (the "Notes"). Stephens Inc. acted as the sole book-running manager for the offering and Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P. acted as co-manager. [View File](#) [Download File](#)

The Company expects to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay existing indebtedness under its revolving credit agreement and for general corporate purposes, which may include providing capital to support its growth organically or through strategic acquisitions, financing investments and capital expenditures, and for investments in the Bank as regulatory capital.

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## Additional Information Regarding the Offering

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## About Ameris Bancorp

Ameris Bancorp is a bank holding company headquartered in Moultrie, Georgia. The Company's banking subsidiary, Ameris Bank, had 97 locations in Georgia, Alabama, northern Florida and South Carolina at the end of the most recent quarter.

The Company's common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ABCB".

## Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The words "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "anticipate" and similar expressions and variations thereof identify certain of such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates which they were made. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties and that actual results may differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements and are referred to the Company's periodic filings with the SEC for a summary of certain factors that may impact the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

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