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Chairman's Letter to Shareholders

Dear Shareholders,

The U.S. economy is now seven years into the recovery, but its pace remains stubbornly subpar compared to past recoveries. Economic data continues to be a mixed bag, as it has been throughout this expansion period. While the unemployment rate fell below its pre-recession level, a surprisingly weak jobs growth report in May was a disappointing sign, although not necessarily indicative of a lasting downtrend. Wages have grown slightly but not nearly enough to reinvigorate Americans' buying power. The housing market has improved markedly but its contribution to the recovery has been lackluster. Deflationary pressures, including the dramatic slide in commodity prices, have kept inflation much lower for longer than many expected.

Furthermore, frail economies across the rest of the world have continued to cast a shadow over the U.S. Although the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan have been providing aggressive monetary stimulus, including adopting negative interest rates in both Europe and Japan, their economies continue to lag the U.S.'s recovery. China's policy makers have also continued to manage its slowdown but investors are still worried about where the world's second-largest economy might ultimately land. Additionally, global markets were surprised by the U.K.'s June 23, 2016 referendum vote to leave the European Union, known as "Brexit." Heightened price volatility and negative sentiment are to be expected in the near term as markets readjust and await clarity on the Brexit process and its impact on the U.K., Europe and across the world.

Many of these ambiguities – both domestic and international – have kept the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) from raising short-term interest rates any further since December's first and only increase thus far. While markets rallied on the widely held expectation that the Fed would defer any increases until June, the unusually weak May jobs report and the Brexit concerns compelled the Fed to again hold rates steady.

With global economic growth still looking fairly fragile, financial markets have become more volatile over the past year. Although sentiment has improved and conditions have generally recovered from the intense volatility seen in early 2016, we expect that turbulence remains on the horizon for the time being. In this environment, Nuveen remains committed to both managing downside risks and seeking upside potential. If you're concerned about how resilient your investment portfolio might be, we encourage you to talk to your financial advisor.

On behalf of the other members of the Nuveen Fund Board, we look forward to continuing to earn your trust in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

William J. Schneider Chairman of the Board June 24, 2016

Portfolio Managers' Comments

Nuveen Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (NUV)

Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Value Fund (NUW)

Nuveen Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (NMI)

Nuveen Enhanced Municipal Value Fund (NEV)

These Funds feature portfolio management by Nuveen Asset Management, LLC (NAM), an affiliate of Nuveen Investments, Inc. Portfolio managers Thomas C. Spalding, CFA, Christopher L. Drahn, CFA, and Steven M. Hlavin discuss key investment strategies and the six-month performance of these four national Funds. Tom has managed NUV since its inception in 1987, adding NUW at its inception in 2009. Chris assumed portfolio management responsibility for NMI in 2011. Steve has been involved in the management of NEV since its inception in 2009, taking on full portfolio management responsibility in 2010.

Effective May 31, 2016 (subsequent to the close of this reporting period), Tom Spalding retired from NAM and Daniel J. Close, CFA, has taken over portfolio management responsibilities for NUV and NUW.

What key strategies were used to manage these Funds during the six-month reporting period ended April 30, 2016? Municipal bonds rallied in the six-month reporting period amid falling interest rates, improved credit fundamentals, robust demand and tight supply. Our trading activity continued to focus on pursuing the Funds' investment objectives. We continued to seek bonds in areas of the market that we expected to perform well as the economy continued to improve. The Funds' positioning emphasized intermediate and longer maturities, lower-rated credits and sectors offering higher yields. To fund these purchases, we generally reinvested the proceeds from called and maturing bonds. In some cases, we sold bonds that we believed had deteriorating fundamentals or could be traded for a better relative value, as well as selling short-dated, higher quality issues that we tend to hold over short timeframes as a source of liquidity.

We have also continued to be more cautious in selecting individual securities. As investor demand for municipal securities has increased and created a slight supply-demand imbalance, we've started to see underwriters bring new issues to market that are structured with terms more favorable to the issuer and perhaps less advantageous to the investor than in the recent past. We believe this shift in the marketplace merits extra vigilance on our part to ensure that every credit considered for the portfolio offers adequate reward potential for the level of risk to the bondholder. In cases where our convictions have been less certain, we've sought compensation for the additional risk or have passed on the deal all together.

Buying activity covered a range of sectors and remained consistent with our strategy of investing in lower rated, longer maturity credits. We participated in a bond sale for the Chicago Board of Education, which manages the Chicago Public Schools system. The school system issued the bonds in January 2016 to help manage some of its short-term funding needs. NUV, NMI and NEV bought the bonds, which offered high yields and long maturities, and were available at attractive prices due to heightened

Certain statements in this report are forward-looking statements. Discussions of specific investments are for illustration only and are not intended as recommendations of individual investments. The forward-looking statements and other views expressed herein are those of the portfolio managers as of the date of this report. Actual future results or occurrences may differ significantly from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, and the views expressed herein are subject to change at any time, due to numerous market and other factors. The Funds disclaim any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or views expressed herein.

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Bond insurance guarantees only the payment of principal and interest on the bond when due, and not the value of the bonds themselves, which will fluctuate with the bond market and the financial success of the issuer and the insurer. Insurance relates specifically to the bonds in the portfolio and not to the share prices of a Fund. No representation is made as to the insurers' ability to meet their commitments.

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Portfolio Managers' Comments (continued)

investor concerns about these credits at the time of issue. While the Chicago Board of Education continues to face challenges, the stabilization of some of the concerns helped the bond perform well since we initiated the positions. Additionally, NUV and NUW bought a newly issued New Jersey State Transportation Trust credit and two hospital bonds, Wisconsin Health for Ascension Health Services and Orange County for Orlando Health. Ascension is the largest and possibly best-run hospital network in the country, with a strong balance sheet and AA credit rating. Orlando Health, which operates six hospitals in the Orlando, Florida area, carries an A rating and appears to be improving its financial position after losing market share a few years ago. NMI also made a purchase in the health care sector, a lower rated UMass Memorial Health Care bond. In NEV, we added credits from a range of sectors, including health care, tollroads, corporate-backed municipal bonds and tobacco.

Selling activity was generally muted during this reporting period, with cash for new purchases generated mainly from maturing and called bonds. NEV sold two Virgin Islands bonds due to our concerns about deteriorating credit conditions. However, demand for Virgin Islands bonds was strong, which helped these bonds command good prices, as investors continued to seek the triple (federal, state and local) tax-exemption feature offered by U.S. territory bonds while avoiding exposure to Puerto Rico. NEV also received cash proceeds from a shelf offering during this reporting period (discussed in the Notes to Financial Statement section of this semi-annual report), which were used to help fund buying activity.

As of April 30, 2016, all of these Funds continued to use inverse floating rate securities. We employ inverse floaters for a variety of reasons, including duration management, income enhancement and total return enhancement. How did the Funds perform during the six-month reporting period ended April 30, 2016?

The tables in each Fund's Performance Overview and Holding Summaries section of this report provide the Funds' total returns for the six-month, one-year, five-year, ten-year and since inception periods ended April 30, 2016. Each Fund's total returns at common share net asset value (NAV) are compared with the performance of a corresponding market index and Lipper classification average.

For the six months ended April 30, 2016, the total returns at common share NAV for all four of these Funds exceeded the return for the national S&P Municipal Bond Index. NUV and NMI outperformed the average return for the Lipper General & Insured Unleveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average and NUW performed in line with this average, while NEV trailed the Lipper General & Insured Leveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average return.

Duration and yield curve positioning were among the main positive contributors to performance for the four Funds during this reporting period. Consistent with our long term strategy, these Funds tended to have longer durations than the benchmark, with overweightings in the longer parts of the yield curve that performed well and underweightings in the underperforming shorter end of the curve. NUV and NUW, which have with higher weightings in zero coupon bonds, benefited from the strong performance of this segment of the market. "Zeros," which are typically issued with maturities of 25 years and longer remained in favor with investors seeking higher yields.

Credit ratings allocations also boosted performance of NUV, NUW and NMI during this reporting period but had a neutral impact on NEV's performance. The returns of lower quality bonds generally outpaced those of higher quality credits due to investor demand for higher yielding assets and a willingness to increase credit risk because of improving credit fundamentals. The Funds' overweight allocations to the lower quality categories and underweight allocations to AAA and AA rated credits were advantageous to performance.

Sector allocations and individual credit selection provided additional gains for the Funds. The tobacco sector, the best performing sector during this reporting period, contributed positively to the performance of NUV, NUW and NEV. NUV and NUW also benefited from their exposures to the transportation and education sectors, largely driven by holdings in strong-performing zero coupon bonds within those sectors. NMI's overweight allocation in the health care sector added to performance. NEV benefited from its overweight allocations to incremental tax, higher education and hospitals. Underweight positions in tollroads and utilities were somewhat detrimental to NEV's returns, but the gains from our credit selections within the two sectors more than offset the negative influence of the underweight allocations.

In addition, the use of leverage was an important positive factor affecting the performance of NEV. Leverage is discussed in more detail later in the Fund Leverage section of this report.

An Update Involving Puerto Rico

As noted in the Funds' previous shareholder reports, we continue to monitor situations in the broader municipal market for any impact on the Funds' holdings and performance: the ongoing economic problems of Puerto Rico is one such case. Puerto Rico's continued economic weakening, escalating debt service obligations, and long-standing inability to deliver a balanced budget led to multiple downgrades on its debt over the past two years. Puerto Rico has warned investors since 2014 that the island's debt burden may be unsustainable and the Commonwealth has been exploring various strategies to deal with this burden, including Chapter 9 bankruptcy, which is currently not available by law. Subsequent to the close of the reporting period, Puerto Rico's effort to restructure its public utility debt was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. All Puerto Rico debt restructuring efforts are now concentrated in Congress. In terms of Puerto Rico holdings, shareholders should note that NUV and NEV had limited exposure which was either insured or investment grade to Puerto Rico debt, 0.4% and 0.7%, respectively, while NUW and NMI did not hold any Puerto Rico bonds. The Puerto Rico credits offered higher yields, added diversification and triple exemption (i.e., exemption from most federal, state and local taxes). Puerto Rico general obligation debt is currently rated Caa2/CC/CC (below investment grade) by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, respectively, with negative outlooks.

A Note About Investment Valuations

The municipal securities held by the Funds are valued by the Funds' pricing service using a range of market-based inputs and assumptions. A different municipal pricing service might incorporate different assumptions and inputs into its valuation methodology, potentially resulting in different values for the same securities. These differences could be significant, both as to such individual securities, and as to the value of a given Fund's portfolio in its entirety. Thus, the current net asset value of a Fund's shares may be impacted, higher or lower, if the Fund were to change pricing service, or if its pricing service were to materially change its valuation methodology. The Funds have received notification by their current municipal bond pricing service that such service has agreed to be acquired by the parent company of another pricing service, and that the transaction is under regulatory review. Thus there is an increased risk that each Fund's pricing service may change, or that the Funds' current pricing service may change its valuation methodology, either of which could have an impact on the net asset value of each Fund's shares.

Fund Leverage

IMPACT OF THE FUNDS' LEVERAGE STRATEGIES ON PERFORMANCE

One important factor impacting the returns of the Funds relative to its comparative benchmark was the Fund's use of leverage through investments in inverse floating rate securities, which represent leveraged investments in underlying bonds. This was also a factor, although less significantly, for NUV, NUW and NMI because their use of leverage is more modest. The Funds use leverage because our research has shown that, over time, leveraging provides opportunities for additional income, particularly in the recent market environment where short-term market rates are at or near historical lows, meaning that the short-term rates the Fund has been paying on its leveraging instruments have been much lower than the interest the Fund has been earning on its portfolio of long-term bonds that it has bought with the proceeds of that leverage. However, use of leverage also can expose the Fund to additional price volatility. When a Fund uses leverage, the Fund will experience a greater increase in its net asset value if the municipal bonds acquired through the use of leverage increase in value, but it will also experience a correspondingly larger decline in its net asset value if the bonds acquired through leverage decline in value, which will make the Fund's net asset value more volatile, and its total return performance more variable over time. In addition, income in levered funds will typically decrease in comparison to unlevered funds when short-term interest rates increase and increase when short-term interest rates decrease. Leverage made a positive contribution to the performance of the Funds over this reporting period.

As of April 30, 2016, the Funds' percentages of leverage are as shown in the accompanying table.

NUV NUW NMI NEV Effective Leverage* 1.41% 6.52% 8.76% 33.38%

Effective Leverage is a Fund's effective economic leverage, and includes both regulatory leverage and the leverage effects of certain derivative and other investments in a Fund's portfolio that increase the Fund's investment exposure. Currently, the leverage effects of Tender Option Bond (TOB) inverse floater holdings are included in effective leverage values.

Share Information

DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

The following information regarding the Funds' distributions is current as of April 30, 2016. Each Fund's distribution levels may vary over time based on each Fund's investment activity and portfolio investment value changes. During the current reporting period, each Fund's distributions to shareholders were as shown in the accompanying table.

	Per Share Amounts			
Ex-Dividend Date	NUV	NUW	NMI	NEV
November 2015	\$0.0325	\$0.0650	\$0.0415	\$0.0800
December	0.0325	0.0650	0.0415	0.0800
January	0.0325	0.0650	0.0415	0.0800
February	0.0325	0.0650	0.0415	0.0800
March	0.0325	0.0650	0.0415	0.0800
April 2016	0.0325	0.0650	0.0415	0.0800
Total Monthly Per Share Distributions	\$0.1950	\$0.3900	\$0.2490	\$0.4800
Ordinary Income Distribution*	\$0.0019	\$0.0152	\$0.0098	\$0.0051
Total Distributions from Net Investment Income	\$0.1969	\$0.4052	\$0.2588	\$0.4851
Yields				
Market Yield**	3.71%	4.42%	4.04%	5.95%
Taxable-Equivalent Yield**	5.15%	6.14%	5.61%	8.26%

* Distribution paid in December 2015.

Market Yield is based on the Fund's current annualized monthly dividend divided by the Fund's current market price as of the end of the reporting period. Taxable-Equivalent Yield represents the yield that must be earned on a

Each Fund in this report seeks to pay regular monthly dividends out of its net investment income at a rate that reflects its past and projected net income performance. To permit each Fund to maintain a more stable monthly dividend, the Fund may pay dividends at a rate that may be more or less than the amount of net income actually earned by the Fund during the period. If a Fund has cumulatively earned more than it has paid in dividends, it will hold the excess in reserve as undistributed net investment income (UNII) as part of the Fund's net asset value. Conversely, if a Fund has cumulatively paid in dividends more than it has earned, the excess will constitute a negative UNII that will likewise be reflected in the Fund's net asset value. Each Fund will, over time, pay all its net investment income as dividends to shareholders.

As of April 30, 2016, the Funds had positive UNII balances, based upon our best estimate, for tax purposes and positive UNII balances for financial reporting purposes.

All monthly dividends paid by each Fund during the current reporting period were paid from net investment income. If a portion of the Fund's monthly distributions was sourced from or comprised of elements other than net investment income, including capital gains and/or a return of capital, shareholders would have received a notice to that effect. For financial reporting purposes, the composition and per share amounts of each Fund's dividends for the reporting period are presented in this report's Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Financial Highlights, respectively. For income tax purposes, distribution information for each Fund as of its most recent tax year end is presented in Note 6 — Income Tax Information within the Notes to Financial Statements of this report.

^{**} fully taxable investment in order to equal the yield of the Fund on an after-tax basis. It is based on a federal income tax rate of 28.0%. When comparing a Fund to investments that generate qualified dividend income, the Taxable-Equivalent Yield is lower.

Share Information (continued)

EQUITY SHELF PROGRAMS

During the current reporting period, the following Funds were authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to issue additional shares through an equity shelf program (Shelf Offering). Under these programs, each Fund, subject to market conditions, may raise additional capital from time to time in varying amounts and offering methods at a net price at or above the Fund's NAV per share. Under the Shelf Offering, each Fund is authorized to issue additional shares as shown in the accompanying table.

NUV NUW NEV

Additional authorized shares 19,600,000 1,200,000 5,200,000

During the current reporting period, each Fund sold common shares through its Shelf Offering at a weighted average premium to its NAV per share as shown in the accompanying table.

NUV NUW NEV
Shares sold through Shelf Offering 377,976 843,757 1,370,535
Weighted average premium to NAV per share sold 1.33 % 2.41 % 1.80 %

Subsequent to the close of this reporting period, NMI filed a registration statement with the SEC to establish a Shelf Offering.

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 4 – Fund Shares, Equity Shelf Programs and Offering Costs for further details of Shelf Offerings and each Fund's respective transactions.

SHARE REPURCHASES

During August 2015, the Funds' Board of Directors/Trustees reauthorized an open-market share repurchase program, allowing each Fund to repurchase an aggregate of up to approximately 10% of its outstanding shares.

As of April 30, 2016, and since the inception of the Funds' repurchase programs, the Funds have cumulatively repurchased and retired their outstanding shares as shown in the accompanying table.

OTHER SHARE INFORMATION

As of April 30, 2016, and during the current reporting period, the Funds' share prices were trading at a premium/(discount) to their NAVs as shown in the accompanying table.

	NUV	NUW	NMI	NEV
NAV	\$10.48	\$17.49	\$11.71	\$15.87
Share price	\$10.52	\$17.66	\$12.32	\$16.13
Premium/(Discount) to NAV	0.38 %	0.97 %	5.21 %	1.64 %
6-month average premium/(discount) to NAV	(2.60)%	(0.31)%	0.34 %	(1.49)%

Risk Considerations

Fund shares are not guaranteed or endorsed by any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Nuveen Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (NUV).

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. Debt or fixed income securities such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. These and other risk considerations such as tax risk are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at www.nuveen.com/NUV. Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Value Fund (NUW).

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. Debt or fixed income securities such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. These and other risk considerations such as tax risk are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at www.nuveen.com/NUW. Nuveen Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (NMI).

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. Debt or fixed income securities such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. These and other risk considerations such as tax risk are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at www.nuveen.com/NMI. Nuveen Enhanced Municipal Value Fund (NEV).

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. Debt or fixed income securities such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. Leverage increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund's potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund's leverage strategy will be successful. The Fund uses only inverse floaters for its leverage, increasing its exposure to interest rate risk and credit risk, including counter-party credit risk. These and other risk considerations such as tax risk are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at www.nuveen.com/NEV.

NUV

Nuveen Municipal Value Fund, Inc.

Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of April 30, 2016

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	Cumulative Average Annual			
	6-Month	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
NUV at NAV	4.71%	6.77%	7.37%	5.22%
NUV at Share Price	6.48%	10.85%	7.87%	5.95%
S&P Municipal Bond Index	3.52%	5.16%	5.56%	4.87%
Lipper General & Insured Unleveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average	4.27%	6.18%	6.90%	5.17%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index and Lipper return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes and Lipper averages are not available for direct investment.

This data relates to the securities held in the Fund's portfolio of investments as of the end of the reporting period. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for the Fund itself. Holdings are subject to change. Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: Standard & Poor's Group, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Fitch, Inc. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, C and D are below-investment grade ratings. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by these national rating agencies.

Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Long-Term Municipal Bonds	98.5%
Short-Term Municipal Bonds	0.2%
Common Stocks	0.2%
Corporate Bonds	0.0%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	1.4%
Net Assets Plus Floating Rate Obligations	100.3%
Floating Rate Obligations	(0.3)%
Net Assets	100%

Credit Quality

(% of total investment exposure)

AAA/U.S. Guaranteed	16.1%
AA	48.2%
A	15.8%
BBB	8.5%
BB or Lower	10.2%
N/R (not rated)	1.0%
N/A (not applicable)	0.2%
Total	100%

Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

Tax Obligation/Limited	21.1%
Health Care	17.0%
Transportation	16.0%
Tax Obligation/General	12.6%
U.S. Guaranteed	11.0%
Consumer Staples	7.3%
Other	15.0%
Total	100%

States and Territories

(% of total municipal bonds)

Illinois	13.9%
Texas	13.6%
California	12.2%
Florida	6.7%
Colorado	5.5%
New York	4.5%
Ohio	4.5%

Michigan	4.0%
New Jersey	4.0%
Wisconsin	3.7%
Indiana	2.9%
Virginia	2.7%
Nevada	2.7%
Other	19.1%
Total	100%

NUW

Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Value Fund

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	Cumulative Average Annual	
		Since
	6-Month	1-Year 5-Year Inception
NUW at NAV	4.27%	6.74% 7.74% 8.18%
NUW at Share Price	4.97%	5.85% 8.64% 7.71%
S&P Municipal Bond Index	3.52%	5.16% 5.56% 5.81%
Lipper General & Insured Unleveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification	4.27%	6.18% 6.90% 6.25%

Since inception returns are from 2/25/09. Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index and Lipper return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes and Lipper averages are not available for direct investment.

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Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Long-Term Municipal Bonds	99.9%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	3.0%
Net Assets Plus Floating Rate Obligations	102.9%
Floating Rate Obligations	(2.9)%
Net Assets	100%

Credit Quality

(% of total investment exposure)

AAA/U.S. Guaranteed	28.8%
AA	34.4%
A	16.7%
BBB	11.4%
BB or Lower	7.5%
N/R (not rated)	1.2%
Total	100%

Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

U.S. Guaranteed	24.2%
Tax Obligation/Limited	17.2%
Tax Obligation/General	11.6%
Health Care	11.6%
Transportation	9.2%
Utilities	9.0%
Consumer Staples	6.9%
Other	10.3%
Total	100%

States and Territories

(% of total municipal bonds)

California	12.2%
Florida	10.0%
Illinois	9.7%
Indiana	6.9%
Louisiana	6.6%
Texas	6.6%
Wisconsin	5.9%
Ohio	5.5%
New Jersey	5.4%
Nevada	4.1%

Colorado	4.0%
New York	3.5%
Other	19.6%
Total	100%

NMI

Nuveen Municipal Income Fund, Inc.

Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of April 30, 2016

Refer to the Glossary of Terms Used in this Report for further definition of the terms used within this section. Average Annual Total Returns as of April 30, 2016

	Cumulative Average Annual	
	6-Month	1-Year 5-Year 10-Year
NMI at NAV	4.39%	6.61% 7.84% 5.94%
NMI at Share Price	13.98%	5.79% 9.82% 7.13%
S&P Municipal Bond Index	3.52%	5.16% 5.56% 4.87%
Lipper General & Insured Unleveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average	4.27%	6.18% 6.90% 5.17%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index and Lipper return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes and Lipper averages are not available for direct investment.

This data relates to the securities held in the Fund's portfolio of investments as of the end of the reporting period. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for the Fund itself. Holdings are subject to change. Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: Standard & Poor's Group, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Fitch, Inc. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, C and D are below-investment grade ratings. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by these national rating agencies.

Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Long-Term Municipal Bonds	102.2%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	1.2%
Net Assets Plus Floating Rate Obligations	103.4%
Floating Rate Obligations	(3.4)%
Net Assets	100%

Credit Quality

(% of total investment exposure)

AAA/U.S. Guaranteed	12.4%
AA	28.6%
A	24.9%
BBB	23.4%
BB or Lower	6.6%
N/R (not rated)	4.1%
Total	100%

Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

Health Care	21.6%
Tax Obligation/General	12.3%
Utilities	11.6%
Tax Obligation/Limited	10.8%
Education and Civic Organizations	9.9%
Transportation	9.8%
U.S. Guaranteed	8.6%
Other	15.4%
Total	100%

States and Territories

(% of total municipal bonds)

California	17.2%
Texas	10.2%
Illinois	9.9%
Missouri	8.5%
Colorado	7.9%
Wisconsin	5.6%
Florida	5.4%
Ohio	4.8%
New York	3.7%
Pennsylvania	3.4%

Tennessee	2.4%
Georgia	2.3%
Other	18.7%
Total	100%

NEV

Nuveen Enhanced Municipal Value Fund

Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of April 30, 2016

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	Cumulative Average Annual			
				Since
	6-Month	1-Year 5-	Year	Inception
NEV at NAV	4.98%	8.07% 10	.77%	8.18%
NEV at Share Price	8.15%	9.61% 12	.22%	7.83%
S&P Municipal Bond Index	3.52%	5.16% 5.5	56%	4.79%
Lipper General & Insured Leveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification	6.28%	8.61% 10	.09%	7.79%

Since inception returns are from 9/25/09. Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index and Lipper return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes and Lipper averages are not available for direct investment.

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Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Long-Term Municipal Bonds	106.4%
Short-Term Municipal Bonds	0.3%
Common Stocks	0.7%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	1.6%
Net Assets Plus Floating Rate Obligations	109.0%
Floating Rate Obligations	(9.0)%
Net Assets	100%

Credit Quality

(% of total investment exposure)

AAA/U.S. Guaranteed	11.2%
AA	40.3%
A	17.7%
BBB	12.9%
BB or Lower	10.1%
N/R (not rated)	7.3%
N/A (not applicable)	0.5%
Total	100%

Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

Health Care	24.8%
Tax Obligation/Limited	19.8%
Transportation	10.1%
Education and Civic Organizations	9.9%
U.S. Guaranteed	6.5%
Consumer Staples	5.9%
Tax Obligation/General	5.0%
Other	18.0%
Total	100%

States and Territories

(% of total municipal bonds)

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California		16.0%
Wisconsin		11.2%
Illinois		10.5%
Ohio		10.0%
Florida		6.1%
Pennsylvania		5.9%
Georgia		4.6%

Arizona	3.4%
Colorado	3.4%
New York	3.2%
Louisiana	3.1%
Texas	3.0%
Other	19.6%
Total	100%

NUV

Nuveen Municipal Value Fund, Inc.

Portfolio of Investments April 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 98.7% MUNICIPAL BONDS – 98.5% Alaska – 0.1%			
\$2,710	Northern Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Alaska, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 6/01/32 Arizona – 0.8%	7/16 at 100.00	В3	\$2,577,535
2,500	Phoenix Civic Improvement Corporation, Arizona, Airport Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2008A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/18 at 100.00	AA-	2,703,325
2,575	Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation, Arizona, Government Project Bonds, Series 2008, 7.000%, 12/01/27	12/17 at 102.00	В-	2,508,205
5,600	Salt Verde Financial Corporation, Arizona, Senior Gas Revenue Bonds, Citigroup Energy Inc. Prepay Contract Obligations, Series 2007, 5.000%, 12/01/37	No Opt. Call	BBB+	7,001,848
4,240	Scottsdale Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Scottsdale Healthcare, Series 2006C. Re-offering, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – AGC Insured	9/20 at 100.00	AA	4,736,080
14,915	Total Arizona			16,949,458
1,150	Arkansas – 0.3% Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority, Arkansas, Water Revenue Bonds, Refunding & Improvement Series 2007, 4.750%, 10/01/33 (Pre-refunded 10/01/17) – SYNCORA GTY Insured	10/17 at 100.00	A (4)	1,216,045
5,650	Fayetteville, Arkansas, Sales and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 4.750%, 11/01/18 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	5,771,419
6,800	Total Arkansas			6,987,464
4,615	California – 11.9% Anaheim Public Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Public Improvement Project, Series 1997C, 0.000%, 9/01/23 AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	3,949,932
5,000	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2013S-4, 5.000%, 4/01/38	4/23 at 100.00	AA-	5,866,250
4,985	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Gold Country Settlement Funding Corporation, Series 2006, 0.000%, 6/01/33	7/16 at 37.90	CCC	1,870,920
	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Los Angeles County Securitization Corporation, Series 2006A:			
3,275	5.450%, 6/01/28	12/18 at 100.00	В3	3,320,130
4,200	5.600%, 6/01/36	12/18 at 100.00	В	4,257,834

3,850	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 7/01/33	7/23 at 100.00	AA-	4,561,519
2,335	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2010A, 5.750%, 7/01/40	7/20 at 100.00	Baa2	2,589,305
2,130	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Series 2004C, 4.750%, 12/01/23 FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/17 at 100.00	A3	2,215,541
1,625	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2013I, 5.000%, 11/01/38	s11/23 at 100.00	A+	1,940,689
4,400	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2007, 4.500%, 8/01/30 California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2007:	2/17 at 100.00	AA-	4,522,012
9,730	5.000%, 6/01/37 (Pre-refunded 6/01/17)	6/17 at 100.00	Aaa	10,199,958
6,270	5.000%, 6/01/37 (Pre-refunded 6/01/17)	6/17 at 100.00	Aaa	6,572,841
5,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	AA-	5,845,500
275	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Certificates of Participation, Internext Group, Series 1999, 5.375%, 4/01/17	10/16 at 100.00	BBB+	276,152
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Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
\$3,125	California (continued) California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospital Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38 (Pre-refunded 8/01/19)		N/R (4)	\$3,726,469
3,600	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, St. Joseph Health System, Series 2007A, 5.750%, 7/01/47 – FGIC Insured	7/18 at 100.00	AA-	3,964,860
14,145	Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/43 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa2	3,618,432
6,120	Chino Valley Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006D, 0.000%, 8/01/30	8/16 at 51.12	Aa2	3,119,731
5,000	Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/32 (Pre-refunded 8/01/18) – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	Aa1 (4)	5,484,750
4,505	Covina-Valley Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 0.000%, 6/01/28 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,931,584
16,045	Desert Community College District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2004 Series 2007C, 0.000%, 8/01/33 – AGM Insured	8/17 at 42.63	AA	6,730,717
2,180	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2013A, 6.850%, 1/15/42	1/31 at 100.00	BBB-	1,815,787
30,000	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Series 1995A, 0.000%, 1/01/22 (ETM) Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1:	No Opt. Call	Aaa	27,709,800
23,995	4.500%, 6/01/27	6/17 at 100.00	B+	24,387,317
14,475	5.000%, 6/01/33	6/17 at 100.00	В-	14,491,212
1,500	5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	В-	1,473,825
4,500	Hemet Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008B, 5.125%, 8/01/37 (Pre-refunded 8/01/16) – AGC Insured Merced Union High School District, Merced County, California,	8/16 at 102.00	AA (4)	4,644,090
2,500	General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999A: 0.000%, 8/01/23 – FGIC Insured	No Opt.	AA-	2,127,175
2,555	0.000%, 8/01/24 – FGIC Insured	Call No Opt. Call	AA-	2,095,253
2,365	Montebello Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 1998 Series 2004, 0.000%, 8/01/27 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	1,664,392

Mount San Antonio Community College District, Los Angeles

County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2013A: 2/28 at 3,060 0.000%, 8/01/28 (5) AA 2,844,943 100.00 8/35 at 2,315 0.000%, 8/01/43 (5) AA1,817,692 100.00 M-S-R Energy Authority, California, Gas Revenue Bonds, No Opt. 3,550 5,094,534 Α Citigroup Prepay Contracts, Series 2009C, 6.500%, 11/01/39 Call Napa Valley Community College District, Napa and Sonoma Counties, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2002 Series 2007C: 8/17 at 7,200 0.000%, 8/01/29 - NPFG Insured 3,866,904 Aa2 54.45 8/17 at 11,575 0.000%, 8/01/31 – NPFG Insured Aa2 5,592,346 49.07 New Haven Unified School District, Alameda County, California, No Opt. 2,620 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 0.000%, 8/01/28 – NPFG AA-1,449,725 Call Insured Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of 11/19 at 2,350 Ba1 2,631,601 Participation, Series 2009, 6.750%, 11/01/39 100.00 Placer Union High School District, Placer County, California, No Opt. 10,150 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004C, 0.000%, 8/01/33 – AGM AA5,745,611 Call Insured Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, 7/17 at Certificates of Participation, Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2,125 A3 2,172,685 100.00 1997B, 4.875%, 7/01/22 - NPFG Insured Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, 7/17 at 4,000 Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Refunding Series Baa2 4,120,880 100.00 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/47 Riverside Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, University Corridor, Series 2007C, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPFG^{0/1/at} 100.00 15,505 16,133,417 AA-Insured Nuveen 21

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Portfolio of Investments (continued) April 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1) California (continued)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	San Bruno Park School District, San Mateo County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000B:			
\$2,575	0.000%, 8/01/24 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA S	\$2,172,862
2,660	0.000%, 8/01/25 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	2,166,091
250	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D, 7.000%, 8/01/41 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+ (4)	319,150
12,095	San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency, Orange County, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 1997A, 0.000%, 1/15/25 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	9,127,250
5,000	San Jose, California, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 6.000%, 3/01/47 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/17 at 100.00	A2	5,205,600
13,220	San Mateo County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006A, 0.000%, 9/01/28 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	10,090,033
5,000	San Mateo Union High School District San Mateo County	No Opt. Call	Aaa	4,258,200
5,815	San Ysidro School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2015, 0.000%, 8/01/48	No Opt. Call	AA	1,187,539
2,000	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Northern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Refunding Series 2005A-2, 5.400%, 6/01/27	6/17 at 100.00	B+	2,004,100
720	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2009O, 5.250%, 5/15/39 University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2009O:	5/19 at 100.00	AA	810,252
370	•	5/19 at 100.00	N/R (4)	419,784
210	5.250%, 5/15/39 (Pre-refunded 5/15/19)	5/19 at 100.00	N/R (4)	238,256
308,665	Total California Colorado – 5.4%			257,443,432
5,000	Arkansas River Power Authority, Colorado, Power Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.250%, 10/01/40 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	,10/16 at 100.00	BBB-	5,053,400
5,200	Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Health Initiatives, Series 2006A, 4.500%, 9/01/38	9/16 at 100.00	A+	5,258,656
7,105	Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Health Initiatives, Series 2013A, 5.250%, 1/01/45	1/23 at 100.00	A+	8,067,159
1,700		9/18 at 102.00	AA	1,849,821

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		AGM Insured Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds,			
	15,925	Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Services Corporation, Series 2010A, 5.000%, 1/01/40	1/20 at 100.00	AA-	17,661,620
	750	Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Longmont United Hospital, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 12/01/23 – RAAI Insured	12/16 at 100.00	AA	766,073
	2,000	Colorado State Board of Governors, Colorado State University Auxiliary Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 3/01/41	3/22 at 100.00	Aa2	2,302,860
		Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012B:			
	2,750	5.000%, 11/15/25	No Opt. Call	A+	3,353,350
	2,200	5.000%, 11/15/29	11/22 at 100.00	A+	2,637,492
	5,160	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B, 5.000%, 11/15/43 E-470 Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Senior Revenue	11/23 at 100.00	A	5,915,837
		Bonds, Series 2000B:			
	9,660	0.000%, 9/01/29 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	6,354,251
	24,200	0.000%, 9/01/31 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	14,747,722
	17,000	0.000%, 9/01/32 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	9,998,720
	7,600	E-470 Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Toll Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2006B, 0.000%, 9/01/39 – NPFG Insured E-470 Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Toll Revenue Bonds,	9/26 at 52.09	AA-	2,675,808
		Series 2004B:			
	7,700	0.000%, 9/01/27 – NPFG Insured	9/20 at 67.94	AA-	4,539,381
	10,075	0.000%, 3/01/36 – NPFG Insured	9/20 at 41.72	AA-	3,570,782
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Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
\$5,000	Colorado (continued) Ebert Metropolitan District, Colorado, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.350%, 12/01/37 (Pre-refunded 12/01/17) – RAAI Insured	12/17 at 100.00	AA (4)	\$5,366,250
7,000	Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2001C, 5.700%, 6/15/21 (Pre-refunded 6/15/16) – AMBAC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	N/R (4)	7,046,550
5,000	Rangely Hospital District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2011, 6.000%, 11/01/26	11/21 at 100.00	Baa1	5,874,700
3,750	Regional Transportation District, Colorado, Denver Transit Partners Eagle P3 Project Private Activity Bonds, Series 2010, 6.000%, 1/15/41	7/20 at 100.00	BBB+	4,347,000
144,775	Total Colorado			117,387,432
1,500	Connecticut – 0.8% Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Hartford HealthCare, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 7/01/41	7/21 at 100.00	A	1,656,675
15,000	Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue	7/16 at	AAA	15,114,000
8,608	Bonds, Yale University, Series 2007Z-1, 5.000%, 7/01/42 Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribe, Connecticut, Special Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Series 2013A, 6.050%, 7/01/31 (6)	100.00 No Opt. Call	N/R	542,044
25,108	Total Connecticut	Call		17,312,719
10,000	District of Columbia – 0.5% Washington Convention Center Authority, District of Columbia, Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Refunding Series 2007A, 4.500%, 10/01/30 – AMBAC Insured Florida – 6.7%	10/16 at 100.00	A1	10,130,800
3,000	Cape Coral, Florida, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2011, 5.000% , $10/01/41-AGM$ Insured	10/21 at 100.00	AA	3,479,490
4,000	Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, Florida, Personal and Commercial Lines Account Bonds, Senior Secured Series 2012A-1, 5.000%, 6/01/16	No Opt. Call	AA-	4,016,360
565	Florida Development Finance Corporation, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Renaissance Charter School Income Projects, Series 2015A, 6.000%, 6/15/35	6/25 at 100.00	N/R	582,973
2,845	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Florida, Airport Facilities Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2009C, 5.000%, 10/01/34	No Opt. Call	AA-	3,191,891
2,290	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Florida, Revenue Bonds, Tampa International Airport, Subordinate Lien Series 2015B, 5.000%, 10/01/40	10/24 at 100.00	A+	2,648,866
2,650	Hillsborough County Industrial Development Authority, Florida, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Tampa General Hospital, Series 2006, 5.250%, 10/01/41	10/16 at 100.00	A	2,687,206
5,000	Marion County Hospital District, Florida, Revenue Bonds, Munroe Regional Medical Center, Refunding and Improvement Series 2007, 5.000%, 10/01/34 (Pre-refunded 10/01/17)	10/17 at 100.00	BBB+ (4)	5,307,000
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	Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority, Florida, Toll System	7/20 at		
	Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 5.000%, 7/01/40	100.00		
9,500	Miami-Dade County Health Facility Authority, Florida, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Miami Children's Hospital, Series 2010A, 6.000%, 8/01/46	8/21 at 100.00	A+	11,150,624
2,000	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Aviation Revenue Bonds, Miami International Airport, Refunding Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/37	10/24 at 100.00	A	2,359,280
6,000	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Aviation Revenue Bonds, Miami International Airport, Series 2009B, 5.500%, 10/01/36	10/19 at 100.00	A	6,853,200
4,000	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Aviation Revenue Bonds, Miami International Airport, Series 2010B, 5.000%, 10/01/29	10/20 at 100.00	A	4,617,440
4,000	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Transit System Sales Surtax Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012, 5.000%, 7/01/42	7/22 at 100.00	AA	4,657,280
9,590	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, 5.000%, 10/01/39 – AGM Insured	10/20 at 100.00	AA	10,940,175

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Portfolio of Investments (continued) April 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
\$5,520	Florida (continued) Orange County Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Orlando Health, Inc., Series 2016B, 4.000%, 10/01/45	10/26 at	A	\$5,751,840
2,900	Orange County, Florida, Tourist Development Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 10/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured Orlando,	10/16 at 100.00	AA	2,951,040
10,725	Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A, 5.000%,	5/24 at 100.00	AA+	12,356,808
3,250	11/01/44 Palm Beach County Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Revenue		BBB+	3,542,305

	Bonds, Jupiter Medical Center, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 11/01/43 Port Saint Lucie. Florida, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, 7/17 at		
9,440	Annexation District 1B, Series 2007, 5.000%, 7/01/40 – NPFG Insured Saint John's County, Florida, Sales Tax Revenue	AA-	9,864,706
8,175	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 10/16 at 2006, 5.000%, 100.00 10/01/36 (Pre-refunded 10/01/16) – BHAC Insured Seminole Tribe of Florida,	AA+ (4)	8,329,753
2,500	Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A, 144A, 5.250%, 10/01/27 South Broward Hospital District, Florida,	BBB-	2,601,500
6,865	Hospital 5/25 at Revenue 100.00 Bonds, Refunding Series 2015, 4.000%, 5/01/34	AA	7,390,104

	South Miami Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Hospital Revenue,			
	Baptist Health	ı		
	System			
	Obligation Group,			
	Refunding			
	Series 2007:			
3,035	5.000%, 8/15/19	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	3,203,473
14,730	5.000%, 8/15/42 (UB) (7)	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	15,285,616
	Tampa, Florida,			
	Health System	1		
	Revenue			
3,300	Bonds,	5/22 at	Aa2	3,819,750
	Baycare Health	100.00		
	System, Series 2012A,			
	5.000%,			
130,970	11/15/33 Total Florida			143,368,884
130,770	Georgia – 0.1%		stock received. Accordingly, a Islands shareholder generally	173,300,004

stock received. Accordingly, a Islands shareholder generally will be able to recognize any such loss as an offset to the amount realized upon a subsequent sale or exchange of such Ameris common stock. For this purpose, gain or loss must be calculated separately for each identifiable block of shares surrendered in the exchange, and a loss recognized on one block of shares of Islands common stock cannot be used to offset a gain recognized on another block of shares of Islands common stock.

Any gain recognized by a Islands shareholder in the merger will be eligible for capital gain treatment (assuming the Islands shareholder s shares of Islands common stock are held as a capital asset by the shareholder) unless the receipt of cash has the effect of a distribution of a dividend (within the meaning of Section 356 of the Code taking into account the constructive ownership rules of Section 318 of the Code), in which case such gain will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent of the shareholder s ratable share of Islands undistributed earnings and profits. In general, the determination of whether the gain recognized in the exchange will be treated as capital gain or has the effect of a distribution of a dividend depends upon whether and to what extent the exchange reduces the shareholder s deemed percentage stock ownership of Ameris. For purposes of this determination, the shareholder is treated as if the shareholder first exchanged all of the shareholder s shares of Islands common stock solely for Ameris common stock and Ameris then immediately redeemed (which we refer to in this proxy statement/prospectus as a deemed redemption) a portion of the Ameris common stock in exchange for the cash the shareholder actually received. The gain recognized in the deemed redemption will be treated as capital gain if the deemed redemption is substantially disproportionate with respect to the shareholder or not essentially equivalent to a dividend.

The deemed redemption will generally be substantially disproportionate with respect to a shareholder if the percentage described in clause (ii) below is less than 80% of the percentage described in clause (i) below. Whether the deemed redemption is not essentially equivalent to a dividend with respect to a shareholder will depend upon the shareholder s particular circumstances. At a minimum, however, in order for the deemed redemption to be not essentially equivalent to a dividend, the deemed redemption must result in a meaningful reduction in the shareholder s deemed percentage stock ownership of Ameris. In general, that determination requires a comparison of (i) the percentage of the outstanding stock of Ameris that the shareholder is deemed actually and constructively to have owned immediately before the deemed redemption and (ii) the percentage of the outstanding stock of Ameris that is actually and constructively owned by the shareholder immediately after the deemed redemption. In applying the above tests, a shareholder may, under the constructive ownership rules, be deemed to own stock that is owned by other persons or stock underlying a shareholder s option to purchase such stock in addition to the stock actually owned by the shareholder.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that a shareholder in a publicly held corporation whose relative stock interest is minimal and who exercises no control with respect to corporate affairs is generally considered to have a meaningful reduction if that shareholder has a relatively minor reduction in that shareholder s percentage stock ownership under the above analysis; accordingly, the gain recognized in the exchange by such a shareholder would be treated as capital gain.

These rules are complex and dependent upon the specific factual circumstances particular to each Islands shareholder. Consequently, each Islands shareholder that may be subject to these rules should consult such shareholder s tax advisor as to the application of these rules to the particular facts relevant to such shareholder.

An Islands shareholder who receives Ameris common stock and cash will receive a basis in the Ameris common stock equal to the basis of the Islands stock surrendered in the exchange, decreased by the amount of cash received, and increased by the amount of any gain recognized on the exchange. The holding period of the Ameris common stock received by such a shareholder

will include the holding period of the shares of Islands stock surrendered in the exchange, provided the surrendered shares were held as a capital asset as of the effective time of the merger.

The payment of cash to Islands shareholders in lieu of fractional shares of Ameris common stock will be treated as if such fractional shares were distributed as part of the exchange and then redeemed for cash. That means that, in general, gain or loss will be recognized, measured by the difference between the amount of cash received for such fractional shares and the basis of the Islands stock allocable to such fractional shares. In general, such gain or loss will constitute capital gain or loss if the shares of Islands stock were held as capital assets immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, which gain or loss will be long-term in nature if the shares of Islands stock exchanged therefor have been held (or are deemed to have been held) for more than one year.

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CONSEQUENCES TO ISLANDS AND AMERIS

If the merger is treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, then no gain or loss will be recognized by Ameris or Islands in the merger.

DISSENTING SHAREHOLDERS

Any Islands shareholder who dissents from the merger and receives solely cash in exchange for such shareholder s Islands common stock will realize gain or loss equal to the difference between the cash received (other than amounts, if any, which are or are deemed to be interest for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which amounts will be taxed as ordinary income) and the shareholder s adjusted tax basis in the Islands common stock surrendered. Any such gain or loss generally should be capital in nature, although any dissenting shareholder who will directly or constructively (under the attribution rules of Section 318 of the Code) own any shares of Ameris common stock immediately after the merger should consult such shareholder s own tax advisor to determine whether any such gain could constitute dividend income in whole or in part.

BACKUP WITHHOLDING

Absent an applicable exemption, Ameris s exchange agent must withhold 28% of the cash consideration to which any Islands shareholder is entitled in the merger, unless the shareholder provides his or her tax identification number and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that such number is correct. Accordingly, if requested by the exchange agent, each Islands shareholder should complete an IRS Form W-9 or substitute form to provide the information and certification necessary to avoid this backup withholding. This information will be distributed to the Islands shareholders with the letter of transmittal.

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STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR DISSENTING SHAREHOLDERS

The following discussion is not a complete description of the law relating to appraisal rights available under South Carolina law and is qualified by the full text of Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988. Chapter 13 is attached as APPENDIX B to this proxy statement/prospectus. If you desire to exercise appraisal rights, you should review carefully Chapter 13 and are urged to consult a legal advisor before electing or attempting to exercise these rights.

Any holder of record of Islands common stock who objects to the merger, and who complies with all of the provisions of Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 (but not otherwise), will be entitled to demand and receive payment for all (but not less than all) of his or her shares of Islands common stock if the proposed merger is consummated.

A shareholder of Islands who objects to the merger and desires to receive payment of the fair value of his or her Islands common stock:

- 1. must file a written objection to the merger with Islands either prior to the special meeting or at the meeting but before the vote is taken, and the written objection must contain a statement that the shareholder intends to demand payment for his or her shares if the merger agreement is approved and adopted; AND
- 2. must not vote his or her shares in favor of the merger agreement; AND
- 3. must demand payment and deposit his or her certificate(s) in accordance with the terms of the dissenters notice sent to the dissenting shareholder by Islands following approval and adoption of the merger agreement.

A vote against the merger agreement alone will not constitute the separate written notice and demand for payment referred to immediately above. Dissenting shareholders must separately comply with all three conditions.

Any notice required to be given to Islands must be forwarded to Islands Bancorp, 2348 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902, Attention: Chief Executive Officer.

If the merger agreement is approved and adopted, Islands will mail, no later than 10 days thereafter, by certified mail to each shareholder who has complied with conditions 1 and 2 above, written notice of such approval and adoption, addressed to the shareholder at such address as the shareholder has furnished Islands in writing or, if none, at the shareholder s address as it appears on the records of Islands. Islands will set a date by which it must receive the payment demand, which date may not be fewer than 30 nor more than 60 days after the date the dissenters notice is delivered, and a date by which certificates must be deposited as instructed in the notice, which date may not be fewer than 20 days after the date the payment demand is received by Islands. The shareholder must make the written election to dissent and demand for payment described in condition 3 above by the payment demand date as set by Islands.

As soon as the merger is consummated, or upon receipt of a payment demand, Islands will pay to each dissenting shareholder who has substantially complied with the payment demand requirements of Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 the amount that Islands estimates to be the

fair value of the shares of Islands common stock, plus accrued interest. This payment will be accompanied by (i) Islands financial statements, (ii) a statement of Islands estimate of the fair value of the shares and an explanation of how this estimate of the fair value and the interest were calculated, (iii) notification of rights to demand additional payment, and (iv) a copy of the provisions of Chapter 13.

As authorized by Chapter 13, Islands intends to withhold any payments from a dissenting shareholder as to any shares of which the dissenting shareholder (or the beneficial owner on whose behalf he or she is asserting

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dissenter s rights) was not the beneficial owner on August 16, 2006, the date of the first public announcement of the terms of the merger, unless the beneficial ownership devolved upon him or her by operation of law from a person who was the beneficial owner on that date. Where payments are withheld, Islands will be required, after the merger, to send to the holder of these shares an offer to pay the holder an amount equal to Islands estimate of their fair value plus accrued interest, together with an explanation of the calculation of fair value and interest and a statement of the holder s right to demand additional payment for the shares.

If the merger is not consummated within 60 days after the date set for demanding payment and depositing certificates, Islands, within the same 60-day period, will return the deposited certificates. If, after returning deposited certificates, the merger is consummated, Islands must send a new dissenters notice and repeat the payment demand procedure.

If the dissenting shareholder believes that the amount paid by Islands for his or her shares of Islands common stock or offered by Islands for shares of which he or she was not the beneficial owner on August 16, 2006 is less than the fair value of his or her shares or that the interest due is calculated incorrectly, or if Islands fails to make payment or offer payment (or, if the merger has not been consummated, Islands does not return the deposited certificates) within 60 days after the date set for demanding payment in the dissenters notice, then the dissenting shareholder may within 30 days after (i) Islands made or offered payment for the shares or failed to pay for the shares or (ii) Islands failed to return deposited certificates timely, notify Islands in writing of his or her own estimate of the fair value of the shares (including interest due) and demand payment of the estimate (less any payment previously received). Failure to notify Islands in writing of any demand for additional payment within 30 days after Islands made or offered payment for the shares will constitute a waiver of the right to demand additional payment.

If Islands and the dissenting shareholder cannot agree on a fair price within 60 days after Islands receives the demand for additional payment, Chapter 13 provides that Islands will institute judicial proceedings in a South Carolina state circuit court in Beaufort County to fix (i) the fair value of the shares immediately before consummation of the merger, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the merger, unless such exclusion would be inequitable, and (ii) the accrued interest. The fair value of the Islands common stock could be more than, the same as or less than the per share purchase price. Islands must make all dissenters whose demands for additional payment remain unsettled parties to the proceeding and all the parties must be served with a copy of the petition. The court is required to issue a judgment for the amount, if any, by which the fair value of the shares, as determined by the court, plus interest, exceeds the amount paid by Islands. If Islands does not institute a proceeding within the 60-day period, Islands will pay each dissenting shareholder whose demand remains unsettled the respective amount demanded by each shareholder.

The court will assess the costs and expenses of the proceeding against Islands, except that the court may assess costs and expenses as it deems appropriate against any or all of the dissenting shareholders if it finds that their demand for additional payment was arbitrary, vexatious or otherwise not in good faith. The court may award fees and expenses of counsel and experts in amounts the court finds equitable (i) against Islands if the court finds that Islands did not comply substantially with the relevant requirements of Chapter 13 or (ii) against either Islands or any dissenting shareholder, if the court finds that the party against whom the fees and expenses are assessed acted arbitrarily, vexatiously or not

in good faith.

Islands shareholders should note that cash paid to dissenting shareholders in satisfaction of the fair value of their shares will be recognized as gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.

Failure by an Islands shareholder to follow the steps required by the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 for perfecting appraisal rights may result in the loss of such rights. In view of the complexity of these provisions, if you hold Islands common stock and are considering dissenting from the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and exercising your appraisal rights under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, you should consult your legal advisors.

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RESTRICTIONS ON RESALES BY AFFILIATES

This proxy statement/prospectus does not cover any resales of Ameris common stock to be received by the Islands shareholders upon the completion of the merger, and no person is authorized to make any use of this proxy statement/prospectus in connection with any such resale.

The shares of Ameris common stock to be issued in the merger will be freely transferable under the Securities Act. However, this will not be the case for shares issued to any shareholder who may be deemed to be an affiliate of Islands for purposes of Rule 145 under the Securities Act as of the date of the special meeting. Affiliates may resell their Ameris common stock only in transactions registered under the Securities Act or permitted by the resale provisions of Rule 145 under the Securities Act or as otherwise permitted thereby. These rules also apply to Ameris common stock owned by affiliates of Ameris. Affiliates generally include individuals or entities that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, are controlled by or are under common control with Ameris or Islands and include directors, certain executive officers and principal shareholders. The restrictions on resales by an affiliate extend also to certain related parties of the affiliate, including spouses, relatives and spouse s relatives who in each case have the same home as the affiliate.

The merger agreement requires Islands to use its best efforts to cause each of its affiliates to deliver a written affiliate agreement to Ameris to the effect generally that the affiliate will not offer or otherwise dispose of any shares of Ameris stock owned by the affiliate, except in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder. The description of the affiliate agreement is qualified by reference to the complete text of the affiliate agreement, which is an exhibit to the merger agreement attached as APPENDIX A to this proxy statement/prospectus.

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INTERESTS OF ISLANDS DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN THE MERGER

GENERAL

You should be aware of potential conflicts of interest of, and the benefits available to, certain Islands directors and executive officers. These directors and executive officers may be deemed to have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, their interests as Islands shareholders generally. These interests include, among others, employment agreements with certain employees of Islands, proposed employee benefits for those persons who become employees of an Ameris subsidiary after the merger and indemnification and insurance coverage. Islands board of directors was aware of these interests and considered them, in addition to other matters, in approving the merger agreement.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

Islands Bank and John R. Perrill previously entered into a Contract of Employment dated as of November 17, 2005, pursuant to which Mr. Perrill serves as the Senior Loan Officer and Acting Chief Executive Officer of Islands Bank. This employment agreement, which has a term of five years expiring November 17, 2010, provides that Mr. Perrill will receive a minimum base salary annually of \$135,000. The agreement also provides that Mr. Perrill will participate in Islands Bank s salary and bonus incentive plan and will receive other fringe benefits similar to those provided to other employees of Islands Bank. In addition, under the agreement, if Islands Bank is sold within a five-year period beginning on the date of the agreement, Mr. Perrill is entitled to two years severance pay upon the change in control unless he is provided continued employment under the same or substantially similar terms and conditions as those provided in his employment agreement. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Mr. Perrill will serve as Senior Loan Officer of Islands Bank once a chief executive officer of Islands Bank has been named.

After the proposed merger of Islands and Ameris and the concurrent merger of Islands Bank into American Banking Company, American Banking Company will assume Mr. Perrill s existing employment agreement and Mr. Perrill will serve as senior credit officer of American Banking Company s operations in Beaufort, South Carolina pursuant to the agreement. Because Mr. Perrill s employment will continue, he will not be entitled to severance pay.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Ameris has agreed that all rights to indemnification and all limitations of liability existing in favor of officers and directors of Islands and Islands Bank as provided in their respective Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as in effect on August 15, 2006 with respect to matters occurring prior to or at the effective time of the merger will survive the merger. In addition, Ameris has agreed to cause, for a period of three years following the effective time of the merger, the officers and directors of Islands to be covered by directors and officers liability insurance comparable to that maintained by Islands prior to the merger with carriers comparable to Islands existing carrier and containing terms and conditions no less advantageous in any material respect to the officers and directors of Islands. Ameris is not, however, required to expend in any one year an amount in excess of 150% of the current annual premiums paid by Islands for its directors and officers liability insurance.

OTHER INTERESTS

Solely to facilitate the merger negotiations with Ameris, Islands has entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release with William B. Gossett, its former chief executive officer. The settlement agreement is conditioned upon the consummation of the merger, provides for the payment of \$295,000 to Mr. Gossett, \$18,863.82 for his attorney s fees and contains mutual releases. This payment to Mr. Gossett will settle Mr. Gossett s claim against Islands and Islands Bank, which alleged that Islands and Islands Bank did not have cause to terminate Mr. Gossett s employment.

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DESCRIPTION OF AMERIS CAPITAL STOCK

GENERAL

Ameris s authorized capital stock consists of 30,000,000 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, of which 13,033,193 shares were issued and outstanding as of November 2, 2006, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, none of which are issued and outstanding. Ameris has reserved 1,020,000 shares of Ameris common stock for issuance pursuant to outstanding options to purchase such shares.

COMMON STOCK

The holders of Ameris common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by Ameris s board of directors and paid by Ameris out of funds legally available therefor and to share ratably in the assets of Ameris available for distribution after the payment of all prior claims in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Ameris. All outstanding shares of Ameris common stock are duly authorized and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Under Federal Reserve Board policy, a bank holding company is expected to act as a source of financial strength to each of its subsidiary banks and to commit resources to support each such bank. Consistent with this policy, the Federal Reserve Board has stated that, as a matter of prudent banking, a bank holding company generally should not maintain a rate of cash dividends, unless the available net income of the bank holding company is sufficient to fully fund the dividends and the prospective rate of earnings retention appears to be consistent with its capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition.

The ability of Ameris to pay cash dividends is currently influenced, and in the future could be further influenced, by bank regulatory policies or agreements and by capital guidelines. Accordingly, the actual amount and timing of future dividends, if any, will depend on, among other things, future earnings, the financial condition of Ameris and each of its subsidiary banks, the amount of cash on hand at the holding company level, outstanding debt obligations, if any, and the requirements imposed by regulatory authorities.

Holders of Ameris common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters requiring a vote of shareholders. The Ameris common stock does not have cumulative voting rights, which means that the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding Ameris common stock voting for the election of directors can elect 100% of the directors if they choose to do so. In such event, the holders of the remaining Ameris common stock will not be able to elect any of the directors.

PREFERRED STOCK

No shares of Ameris preferred stock have been issued. Ameris s board of directors is authorized to issue the Ameris preferred stock, without shareholder approval, in one or more series and to fix and determine, among other things: the dividend payable with respect to such shares of Ameris preferred stock, including whether and in what manner such dividend shall be accumulated; whether such shares shall be redeemable and, if so, the prices, terms and conditions of such redemption; the amount payable on such shares in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation; the nature of any purchase, retirement

or sinking fund provisions; the nature of any conversion rights with respect to such shares; and the extent of the voting rights, if any, of such shares. Certain of such rights may, under certain circumstances, adversely affect the rights or interests of holders of Ameris common stock. In addition, the Ameris preferred stock may be issued as a defensive device to thwart an attempted hostile takeover of Ameris.

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LIMITATION OF DIRECTORS LIABILITY

Ameris s Articles of Incorporation provide that no director of Ameris shall be liable to Ameris or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of the duty of care or other duty as a director, except for liability:

for any appropriation, in violation of the director s duties, of any business opportunity of Ameris;

for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

in respect of certain unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases; or

for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The effect of these provisions is to eliminate the rights of Ameris and its shareholders (through shareholders derivative suits on behalf of Ameris) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of fiduciary duty as a director (including breaches resulting from grossly negligent behavior), except in the situations described above. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of Ameris pursuant to the foregoing, Ameris has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

CERTAIN ANTITAKEOVER PROVISIONS

The issuance of shares of Ameris common stock or Ameris preferred stock may place Ameris in a position to deter a future takeover attempt that some shareholders may favor. In the event of a proposed merger, tender offer or other attempt to gain control of Ameris, it will be possible for Ameris s board of directors to authorize the issuance of Ameris preferred stock to impede completion of the proposed merger, tender offer or other attempt to gain control. Ameris s board of directors, however, did not consider the potential deterrent as a reason for establishing the number of its authorized shares.

Ameris s Articles of Incorporation provide that Ameris s board of directors be divided into three classes of directors as nearly equal in number as possible. At each annual meeting of shareholders, one class of directors is elected for a three-year term. Classification of directors has the effect of making it more difficult for shareholders to change the composition of Ameris s board of directors. At least two annual meetings of shareholders, instead of one, will generally be required to effect a change in the majority of Ameris s board of directors. Such classification provisions, therefore, could also have the effect of discouraging a third party from initiating a proxy contest, making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of Ameris.

On February 23, 1998, Ameris s board of directors declared a dividend distribution of one preferred share purchase right on each outstanding share of its common stock. The purchase rights are designed to assure that all Ameris shareholders receive fair and equal treatment in the event of any proposed takeover of Ameris and to guard against partial tender offers, squeeze-outs, open market accumulations and other abusive tactics to gain control of Ameris without paying all Ameris shareholders the full value of their investment. The purchase rights will not prevent a takeover; however, they should encourage anyone seeking to acquire Ameris to negotiate with Ameris s board of directors prior to attempting a takeover.

TRANSFER AGENT

Computershare currently acts as the transfer agent for the Ameris common stock.

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SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

The following discussion sets forth certain of the material elements of the regulatory framework applicable to banks and bank holding companies and provides certain specific information relevant to Ameris and Islands. A change in applicable statutes, regulations or regulatory policy may have a material effect on the business of Ameris.

GENERAL

Ameris and Islands are both bank holding companies registered with the Federal Reserve Board under The Bank Holding Company Act. As a result, our companies are subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of that act and the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board. Additionally, Islands is subject to regulation by the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions under the South Carolina Banking and Branching Efficiency Act, and Ameris is subject to regulation by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance under the Georgia Bank Holding Company Act. Ameris s subsidiary banks are chartered in Georgia and Florida, and Islands subsidiary bank is a national bank. Each of our bank subsidiaries is insured by the FDIC to the full extent permitted by law. As a result, Islands subsidiary bank is subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the OCC and the FDIC, while Ameris s subsidiary banks are subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, the Florida Department of Banking and Finance and the FDIC.

The Bank Holding Company Act requires every bank holding company to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board before:

it may acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank if, after the acquisition, the bank holding company will directly or indirectly own or control more than 5% of the voting shares of the bank;

it or any of its subsidiaries, other than a bank, may acquire all or substantially all of the assets of any bank; or

it may merge or consolidate with any other bank holding company. The Bank Holding Company Act further provides that the Federal Reserve Board may not approve any transaction that would result in a monopoly or that would substantially lessen competition in the banking business, unless the public interest in meeting the needs of the communities to be served outweighs the anti-competitive effects. The Federal Reserve Board is also required to consider the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the bank holding companies and banks involved and the convenience and needs of the communities to be served. Consideration of financial resources generally focuses on capital adequacy, and consideration of convenience and needs issues focuses, in part, on the performance under The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, both of which are discussed in more detail below.

The Bank Holding Company Act generally prohibits a bank holding company from engaging in activities other than:

banking;

managing or controlling banks or other permissible subsidiaries; and

acquiring or retaining direct or indirect control of any company engaged in any activities other than activities closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks.

The activities in which holding companies and their affiliates are permitted to engage were substantially expanded by The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which was enacted into law in 1999. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act repeals the anti-affiliation provisions of The Glass-Steagall Act to permit the common ownership of commercial

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banks, investment banks and insurance companies. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act also amends The Bank Holding Company Act to permit a financial holding company to, among other things, engage in any activity that the Federal Reserve Board determines to be (i) financial in nature or incidental to such financial activity or (ii) complementary to a financial activity and not a substantial risk to the safety and soundness of depository institutions or the financial system generally. The Federal Reserve Board must consult with the Secretary of the Treasury in determining whether an activity is financial in nature or incidental to a financial activity. Holding companies may continue to own companies conducting activities which had been approved by federal order or regulation on the day before The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act was enacted. Effective August 24, 2000, Ameris became a financial holding company.

In determining whether a particular activity is permissible, the Federal Reserve Board considers whether performing the activity can be expected to produce benefits to the public that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices. The Federal Reserve Board has the power to order a bank holding company or its subsidiaries to terminate any activity or control of any subsidiary when the continuation of the activity or control constitutes a serious risk to the financial safety, soundness or stability of any bank subsidiary of that bank holding company.

Our banks are also subject to numerous state and federal statutes and regulations that affect their business, activities and operations, and each is supervised and examined by one or more state or federal bank regulatory agencies. Islands subsidiary bank is subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the OCC and the FDIC, and Ameris subsidiary banks are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the FDIC, the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance and the Florida Department of Banking and Finance. These regulatory agencies regularly examine the operations of our banks and are given the authority to approve or disapprove mergers, consolidations, the establishment of branches and similar corporate actions. These regulatory agencies also have the power to prevent the continuance or development of unsafe or unsound banking practices or other violations of law.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

Ameris and Islands are legal entities separate and distinct from their bank subsidiaries. Substantially all of Ameris s and Islands revenues result from amounts paid as dividends to Ameris and Islands by their subsidiary banks. Our banking subsidiaries are subject to statutory and regulatory limitations on the payment of dividends to Ameris and Islands. Ameris and Islands are also subject to statutory and regulatory limitations on dividend payments to their shareholders.

If, in the opinion of the federal banking regulators, a depository institution under its jurisdiction is engaged in or is about to engage in an unsafe or unsound practice, the regulatory authority may require, after notice and hearing, that the institution cease and desist from the practice. The federal banking agencies have indicated that paying dividends that deplete a depository institution s capital base to an inadequate level would be an unsafe and unsound banking practice. Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, a depository institution may not pay any dividend if payment would cause it to become undercapitalized or if it already is undercapitalized. The federal agencies have also issued policy

statements that provide that bank holding companies and insured banks should generally only pay dividends out of current operating earnings. See the section entitled Supervision and Regulation Prompt Corrective Action at page 51.

The Georgia Financial Institutions Code and the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance s regulations provide:

that dividends of cash or property may be paid only out of the bank s retained earnings;

that dividends may not be paid if the banks paid-in capital and retained earnings which are set aside for dividend payment and other distributions do not, in combination, equal at least 20% of the bank s capital stock; and

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that dividends may not be paid without prior approval of the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance if

the bank s total classified assets at its most recent examination exceed 80% of its equity capital;

the aggregate amount of dividends to be declared exceeds 50% of the bank s net profits after taxes but before dividends for the previous calendar year; or

the ratio of equity capital to total adjusted assets is less than 6%. The payment of dividends by our bank holding companies and our subsidiaries may also be affected or limited by other factors, such as a requirement by a regulatory agency to maintain adequate capital above regulatory guidelines.

FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMERIS AND ISLANDS AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES

There are also various legal restrictions on the extent to which Ameris or Islands can borrow or otherwise obtain credit from their banking subsidiaries. In general, these restrictions require that any such extensions of credit must be secured by designated amounts of specified collateral and are limited to 10% of any banking subsidiary s capital stock and surplus.

Under Federal Reserve Board policy, Ameris and Islands are expected to act as a source of financial strength to their banking subsidiaries and to commit resources to support each banking subsidiary. This support may be required at times when, absent such Federal Reserve Board policy, Ameris or Islands may not find itself willing or able to provide it.

Any capital loans by a bank holding company to a subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of the subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company s bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of payment.

CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Ameris and Islands must comply with the Federal Reserve Board s established capital adequacy standards, and our subsidiary banks are required to comply with the capital adequacy standards established by the FDIC. The Federal Reserve Board has promulgated two basic measures of capital adequacy for bank holding companies: a risk-based measure and a leverage measure. A bank holding company must satisfy all applicable capital standards to be considered in compliance.

The risk-based capital standards are designed to:

make regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profile among banks and bank holding companies;

account for off-balance-sheet exposure; and

minimize disincentives for holding liquid assets.

Assets and off-balance-sheet items are assigned to broad risk categories, each with appropriate weights. The resulting capital ratios represent capital as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets and off-balance-sheet items.

The minimum guideline for the ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets is 8.0%. At least half of total capital must be comprised of Tier 1 Capital, which is common stock, undivided profits, minority interests in the equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries and noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, less goodwill and certain other intangible assets. The remainder may consist of Tier 2 Capital, which is subordinated debt, other

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preferred stock and a limited amount of loan loss reserves. At September 30, 2006, Ameris s total risk-based capital ratio and its Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio were 12.42% and 10.87%, respectively. On an Ameris and Islands combined basis such ratios at September 30, 2006, would have been approximately 12.11% and 10.57%, respectively.

In addition, the Federal Reserve Board has established minimum leverage ratio guidelines for bank holding companies. These guidelines provide for a minimum ratio of Tier 1 Capital to average assets, less goodwill and certain other intangible assets, of 3.0% for bank holding companies that meet specified criteria. All other bank holding companies generally are required to maintain a minimum leverage ratio of 4.00%. Ameris s ratio at September 30, 2006 was 8.47%. On an Ameris and Islands combined basis, such ratio at September 30, 2006 would have been 8.27%. The guidelines also provide that bank holding companies experiencing internal growth or making acquisitions will be expected to maintain strong capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels without significant reliance on intangible assets. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve Board has indicated that it will consider a tangible Tier 1 Capital leverage ratio and other indicia of capital strength in evaluating proposals for expansion or new activities. The Federal Reserve Board has not advised Ameris of any specific minimum leverage ratio or tangible Tier 1 Capital leverage ratio applicable to it.

Ameris s and Islands subsidiary banks are subject to risk-based and leverage capital requirements adopted by the FDIC and the OCC which are substantially similar to those adopted by the Federal Reserve Board for bank holding companies. Our banks were in compliance with applicable minimum capital requirements as of September 30, 2006.

Neither of our bank holding companies nor any of our bank subsidiaries has been advised by any federal banking agency of any specific minimum capital ratio requirement applicable to it.

Failure to meet capital guidelines could subject a bank to a variety of enforcement remedies, including issuance of a capital directive, the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC, a prohibition on taking brokered deposits, and certain other restrictions on its business. As described below, the FDIC can impose substantial additional restrictions upon FDIC-insured depository institutions that fail to meet applicable capital requirements. See the section entitled Supervision and Regulation Prompt Corrective Action at page 51.

PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act, among other things, requires the federal regulatory agencies to take prompt corrective action if a depository institution does not meet minimum capital requirements. The FDI Act establishes five capital tiers: well capitalized , adequately capitalized , undercapitalized , significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized. A depository institution s capital tier will depend upon how its capital levels compare to various relevant capital measures and certain other factors, as established by regulation.

The federal bank regulatory agencies have adopted regulations establishing relevant capital measures and relevant capital levels applicable to FDIC-insured banks. The relevant capital measures are the Total Capital ratio, Tier 1 Capital ratio and the leverage ratio. Under the regulations, a FDIC-insured bank will be:

well capitalized if it has a Total Capital ratio of 10% or greater, a Tier 1 Capital ratio of 6% or greater and a leverage ratio of 5% or greater and is not subject to any order or written directive by the appropriate regulatory authority to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure;

adequately capitalized if it has a Total Capital ratio of 8% or greater, a Tier 1 Capital ratio of 4% or greater and a leverage ratio of 4% or greater (3% in certain circumstances) and is not well capitalized ;

undercapitalized if it has a Total Capital ratio of less than 8%, a Tier 1 Capital ratio of less than 4% or a leverage ratio of less than 4% (3% in certain circumstances);

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significantly undercapitalized if it has a Total Capital ratio of less than 6%, a Tier 1 Capital ratio of less than 3% or a leverage ratio of less than 3%; and

critically undercapitalized if its tangible equity is equal to or less than 2% of average quarterly tangible assets.

An institution may be downgraded to, or deemed to be in, a capital category that is lower than is indicated by its capital ratios if it is determined to be in an unsafe or unsound condition or if it receives an unsatisfactory examination rating with respect to certain matters. As of September 30, 2006, Ameris s subsidiary banks had capital levels that qualify each as being well capitalized , and Islands Bank had a capital level that qualifies as being well capitalized.

An FDIC-insured bank is generally prohibited from making any capital distribution (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its holding company if the bank would thereafter be undercapitalized.

Undercapitalized banks are subject to growth limitations and are required to submit a capital restoration plan. The federal regulators may not accept a capital plan without determining, among other things, that the plan is based on realistic assumptions and is likely to succeed in restoring the bank s capital. In addition, for a capital restoration plan to be acceptable, the bank s parent holding company must guarantee that the institution will comply with such capital restoration plan. The aggregate liability of the parent holding company is limited to the lesser of: (i) an amount equal to 5% of the bank s total assets at the time it became undercapitalized; and (ii) the amount which is necessary (or would have been necessary) to bring the institution into compliance with all capital standards applicable with respect to such institution as of the time it fails to comply with the plan. If a bank fails to submit an acceptable plan, it is treated as if it is significantly undercapitalized.

Significantly undercapitalized insured banks may be subject to a number of requirements and restrictions, including orders to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately capitalized , requirements to reduce total assets and cessation of receipt of deposits from correspondent banks. Critically undercapitalized institutions are subject to the appointment of a receiver or conservator. A bank that is not well capitalized is subject to certain limitations relating to so-called brokered deposits.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

The Community Reinvestment Act requires federal bank regulatory agencies to encourage financial institutions to meet the credit needs of low- and moderate-income borrowers in their local communities. An institution s size and business strategy determines the type of examination that it will receive. Large, retail-oriented institutions are examined using a performance-based lending, investment and service test. Small institutions are examined using a streamlined approach. All institutions may opt to be evaluated under a strategic plan formulated with community input and pre-approved by the bank regulatory agency.

The Community Reinvestment Act regulations provide for certain disclosure obligations. Each institution must post a notice advising the public of its right to comment to the institution and its regulator on the institution s Community Reinvestment Act performance and to review the institution s Community Reinvestment Act public file. Each lending institution must maintain for public inspection a public file that includes a listing of branch locations and services,

a summary of lending activity, a map of its communities and any written comments from the public on its performance in meeting community credit needs. The Community Reinvestment Act requires public disclosure of a financial institution s written Community Reinvestment Act evaluations. This promotes enforcement of Community Reinvestment Act requirements by providing the public with the status of a particular institution s community reinvestment record.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act makes various changes to The Community Reinvestment Act. Among other changes, Community Reinvestment Act agreements with private parties must be disclosed and annual Community Reinvestment Act reports must be made to a bank s primary federal regulator. A bank holding

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company will not be permitted to become a financial holding company and no new activities authorized under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act may be commenced by a holding company or by a bank financial subsidiary if any of its bank subsidiaries received less than a satisfactory Community Reinvestment Act rating in its latest Community Reinvestment Act examination.

PRIVACY

Financial institutions are required to disclose their policies for collecting and protecting confidential information. Customers generally may prevent financial institutions from sharing personal financial information with nonaffiliated third parties except for third parties which market the institutions own products and services. Additionally, financial institutions generally may not disclose consumer account numbers to any nonaffiliated third party for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing or other marketing through electronic mail to consumers.

FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY

Banking is a business which depends on interest rate differentials. In general, the difference between the interest paid by a bank on its deposits and its other borrowings, and the interest received by a bank on its loans and securities holdings, constitutes the major portion of a bank s earnings. Thus, the earnings and growth of Ameris will be subject to the influence of economic conditions generally, both domestic and foreign, and also to the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States and its agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board regulates the supply of money through various means, including open market dealings in United States government securities, the discount rate at which banks may borrow from the Federal Reserve Board and the reserve requirements on deposits. The nature and timing of any changes in such policies and their effect on Ameris cannot be predicted.

Current and future legislation and the policies established by federal and state regulatory authorities will affect Ameris s future operations. Banking legislation and regulations may limit our growth and the return to our investors by restricting certain of our activities.

In addition, capital requirements could be changed and have the effect of restricting our activities or requiring additional capital to be maintained. We cannot predict what changes, if any, will be made to existing federal and state legislation and regulations or the effect that such changes may have on Ameris s business.

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INFORMATION ABOUT AMERIS

Financial and other information relating to Ameris, including information relating to Ameris s current directors and executive officers, are set forth in Ameris s 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K, Ameris s Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on April 11, 2006, Ameris s 2006 Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Ameris s 2006 Current Reports on Form 8-K, which are incorporated by reference herein and copies of which may be obtained from Ameris as indicated in the section entitled Where You Can Get More Information at page 65. See the section entitled Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference at page 66.

Ameris is a bank holding company that engages, through its subsidiaries, in providing full banking services to customers of its subsidiary banks. Ameris is engaged in a full range of traditional banking, mortgage banking, investment and insurance services to individual and corporate customers at its 43 banking locations.

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INFORMATION ABOUT ISLANDS

GENERAL

Islands is a South Carolina corporation that was incorporated on July 23, 1999 to organize and serve as the holding company for Islands Bank. Islands Bank began operations as a community bank on July 9, 2001 and emphasizes prompt, personalized customer service to the individuals and businesses located in Beaufort County, South Carolina, including the city of Beaufort, and its neighboring islands and communities.

Islands Bank operates as a full-service commercial bank. It offers personal and business checking accounts, money market accounts, savings accounts and various certificates of deposit and individual retirement accounts, as well as commercial, real estate, installment and other consumer loans. Islands Bank s real estate loans include commercial real estate, construction and development and residential real estate loans. In addition, Islands Bank provides such services as cashier s checks, safe-deposit boxes, traveler s checks, banking by mail, online banking and billpay, direct deposit and U.S. Savings Bonds. Islands Bank also offers MasterCard(R) and Visa(R) credit card services through a correspondent bank as an agent.

MARKET AREA AND COMPETITION

Islands primary market area consists of a large portion of Beaufort County, which includes the city of Beaufort and the adjacent communities of Port Royal and Burton. It also includes the islands that are northeast of the Broad River and south of the Coosaw River. Some of the major islands in Islands market area are Lady s Island, Fripp Island, Parris Island, St. Helena Island, Hunting Island, Port Royal Island, Dataw Island and Harbor Island. The city of Beaufort serves as the commercial and retail center for communities in the southern corner of South Carolina and is considered a key economic focal point of the Beaufort County area.

Islands Bank competes with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, money market mutual funds and other financial institutions conducting business in the Beaufort County market and elsewhere. Many of Islands Bank s competitors have equal or greater financial or banking related resources than Islands and Islands Bank. These competitors offer the same or similar products and services as Islands Bank. Currently, Islands Bank s three largest competitors in terms of market share are Wachovia Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A. and South Carolina Bank & Trust, N.A.

Islands Bank operates a loan production office near the Citadel Mall in Charleston, South Carolina. This limited service office does not accept deposits and offers small business loans guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

LENDING SERVICES

Lending Policy. Islands Bank offers a full range of lending products, including commercial, real estate and consumer loans to individuals and small and medium-sized businesses and professional concerns. Islands Bank s loan portfolio is allocated approximately as follows:

Loan Classification	Percentage
Real estate loans	86%
Consumer loans	10%
Commercial loans	4%

Loan Approval and Review. Islands Bank has established loan approval policies that provide for various levels of officer lending authority. When the amount of total loans to a single borrower exceeds that individual officer s lending authority, an officer with a higher lending limit or Islands Bank s Loan Committee determines

whether to approve the loan request. Islands Bank does not make any loans to any of its directors or executive officers unless its board of directors approves the loan, and the terms of the loan are no more favorable than would be available to any other applicant.

Lending Limits. Islands Bank s lending activities are subject to a variety of lending limits imposed by federal law. Different limits apply in certain circumstances based on the type of loan or the nature of the borrower, including the borrower s relationship to Islands Bank. In general, however, Islands Bank may loan any one borrower a maximum amount equal to either of the following:

15% of Islands Bank s capital and surplus; or

25% of its capital and surplus if the amount that exceeds 15% is fully secured by readily marketable collateral.

Islands Bank has not established any minimum or maximum loan limits other than the statutory lending limits described above. Islands Bank may sell loan participations to other financial institutions in order to meet the lending needs of loan customers requiring extensions of credit above Islands Bank s limits.

Credit Risks. The principal economic risk associated with each category of loans that Islands Bank makes is the creditworthiness of the borrower. Borrower creditworthiness is affected by general economic conditions and the strength of the relevant business market segment. General economic factors affecting a borrower s ability to repay include interest, inflation and employment rates, as well as other factors affecting a borrower s customers, suppliers and employees.

Real Estate Loans. Islands Bank makes commercial real estate loans, construction and development loans, and residential real estate loans. These loans include commercial loans where Islands Bank takes a security interest in real estate out of an abundance of caution and not as the principal collateral for the loan, but excludes home equity loans, which are classified as consumer loans. Islands Bank competes for real estate loans with competitors who are well established in the Beaufort County area and have greater resources and lending limits. As a result, it may have to charge lower interest rates to attract borrowers.

Commercial Real Estate. Islands Bank offers commercial real estate loans to developers of both commercial and residential properties. Islands Bank manages its credit risk by actively monitoring such measures as advance rate, cash flow, collateral value and other appropriate credit factors. Risks associated with commercial real estate loans include the general risk of the failure of each commercial borrower, which will be different for each type of business and commercial entity. Islands Bank evaluates each business on an individual basis and attempt to determine its business risks and credit profile. Management attempts to reduce credit risks in the commercial real estate portfolio by emphasizing loans on owner-occupied office and retail buildings where the loan-to-value ratio, established by independent appraisals, does not exceed 80%. In

addition, we may also require personal guarantees of the principal owners.

Construction and Development Loans. Construction and development loans are made both on a pre-sold and speculative basis. If the borrower has entered into an arrangement to sell the property prior to beginning construction, the loan is considered to be on a pre-sold basis. If the borrower has not entered into an agreement to sell the property prior to beginning construction, the loan is considered to be on a speculative basis. Residential and commercial construction loans are made to builders and developers and to consumers who wish to build their own home. The term of construction and development loans generally are limited to 18 months, although payments may be structured on a longer amortization basis. The ratio of the loan principal to the value of the collateral as established by independent appraisal does not exceed 75%. Speculative loans are based on the borrower s financial strength and cash flow position. Loan proceeds are disbursed based on the percentage of completion and only after the project has been inspected by an experienced construction lender or appraiser. These loans generally command higher rates and fees commensurate with the risks warranted in the construction lending field. The risk

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in construction lending depends upon the performance of the builder in building the project to the plans and specifications of the borrower and Islands Bank s ability to administer and control all phases of the construction disbursements. Upon completion of the construction, management anticipates that the mortgage will be converted to a permanent loan and may be sold to an investor in the secondary mortgage market.

Residential Real Estate Loans. Residential real estate loans are made to qualified individuals for the purchase of existing single-family residences in Islands primary market area. These loans conform to Islands Bank s appraisal policy and real estate lending policy which detail maximum loan-to-value ratios and maturities. Management believes these loan-to-value ratios are sufficient to compensate for fluctuations in real estate market value and to minimize losses that could result from a downturn in the residential real estate market. Mortgage loans that do not conform to Islands Bank s policies are sold in the secondary markets. The risk of these loans depends on the salability of the loan to national investors and on interest rate changes. Islands Bank limits interest rate risk and credit risk on these loans by locking in the interest rate for each loan with the secondary market investor and receiving the investor s underwriting approval before originating the loan. Islands Bank retains loans for its portfolio when it has sufficient liquidity to fund the needs of the established customers and when rates are favorable to retain the loans. The loan underwriting standards and policies are generally the same for both loans sold in the secondary market and those retained in Islands Bank s portfolio.

Consumer and Installment Loans. Consumer loans include lines of credit and term loans secured by second mortgages on the residences of borrowers for a variety of purposes, including home improvements, education and other personal expenditures. Consumer loans also include installment loans to individuals for personal, family and household purposes, including automobile loans to individuals and pre-approved lines of credit. Consumer loans generally involve more risk than first mortgage loans because the collateral for a defaulted loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment of the principal due to damage to the collateral or other loss of value while the remaining deficiency often does not warrant further collection efforts. In addition, consumer loan performance depends upon the borrower s continued financial stability and is, therefore, more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Various federal and state laws also limit the amount that can be recovered.

Commercial Loans. Commercial lending activities are directed principally toward businesses whose demand for funds falls within Islands Bank s anticipated lending limits. This category of loans includes loans made to individuals, partnerships, and corporate borrowers. The loans are obtained for a variety of business purposes. Particular emphasis is placed on loans to small to medium-sized professional firms, retail and wholesale businesses, light industry and manufacturing concerns operating in and around the primary market area. Islands Bank considers small businesses to include commercial, professional and retail businesses with annual gross sales of less than \$15 million or annual operating costs of less than \$3 million. Within small business lending, Islands Bank focuses on niches in the market and offers small business loans utilizing government enhancements, such as the Small Business Administration s 7(a) program. The types of commercial and small business loans provided include principally term loans with variable interest rates secured by equipment, inventory, receivables and real estate, as well as secured

and unsecured working capital lines of credit. Risks of these types of loans depend on the general business conditions of the local economy and the local business borrower s ability to sell its products and services in order to generate sufficient business profits to repay the loan under the agreed upon terms and conditions. Personal guarantees may be obtained from the principals of business borrowers and third parties to further support the borrower s ability to service the debt and reduce the risk of nonpayment.

Investments. In addition to loans, Islands Bank makes other investments, primarily in obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States and other taxable securities. No investment held by Islands Bank exceeds any applicable limitation imposed by law or regulation. Islands Bank s asset and liability management committee reviews the investment portfolio on an ongoing basis to ascertain investment profitability and to verify compliance with its investment policies.

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Deposits. Islands Bank offers a full range of interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing accounts, including commercial and retail checking accounts, money market accounts, individual retirement accounts, savings accounts, and other time deposits of various types, ranging from daily money market accounts to longer-term certificates of deposits. All deposit accounts are insured by the FDIC up to the maximum amount permitted by law. Islands Bank s transaction accounts and time certificates are tailored to its principal market area at competitive rates. The sources of deposits are residents, businesses and employees of businesses within Islands Bank s primary market area. These deposits are obtained through personal solicitation by Islands Bank s officers and directors, direct mail solicitations, and advertisements published in the local media.

Asset and Liability Management. Islands Bank s primary assets consists of its loan portfolio and its investment accounts. Its liabilities consist primarily of its deposits. Management s objective is to support asset growth primarily through growth of core deposits, which include deposits of all categories made by individuals, partnerships, corporations and other entities. Consistent with the requirements of prudent banking necessary to maintain liquidity, management seeks to match maturities and rates of loans and the investment portfolio with those of deposits, although exact matching is not always possible. Management seeks to invest the largest portion of Islands Bank s assets in real estate, consumer and commercial loans. Islands Bank s investment account consists primarily of marketable securities of the United States Government and federal agencies, generally with varied maturities.

Islands Bank s asset/liability mix is monitored on a regular basis with a monthly report detailing interest-sensitive assets and interest-sensitive liabilities prepared and presented to the board of directors. The objective of this policy is to control interest-sensitive assets and liabilities so as to minimize the impact of substantial movements in interest rates on Islands Bank s earnings.

EMPLOYEES

At September 30, 2006, Islands and Islands Bank employed 18 full-time employees and two part-time employees. Islands Bancorp does not have any employees other than its officers who are also employees of Islands Bank. Islands considers its relationship with its employees to be excellent.

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COMPARATIVE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

Upon consummation of the merger, shareholders of Islands (other than those shareholders receiving only cash for their shares of Islands common stock, including shareholders exercising dissenters—rights) will automatically become shareholders of Ameris. The rights of a holder of Ameris common stock are similar in some respects and different in other respects from the rights of a holder of Islands common stock. The rights of Islands shareholders are currently governed by the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Islands. The rights of Ameris shareholders are governed by the Georgia Business Corporation Code and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Ameris.

The following is a summary of certain material differences in the rights of holders of Ameris and Islands common stock. The summary is necessarily general, and it is not intended to be a complete statement of all differences affecting the rights of shareholders and respective entities. It is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Georgia Business Corporation Code, the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of each corporation. Islands shareholders should consult with their own legal counsel with respect to specific differences and changes in their rights as shareholders which will result from the proposed merger.

LIQUIDITY AND MARKETABILITY

Ameris. All of the 13,033,193 issued and outstanding shares of Ameris common stock are freely tradeable, except for approximately 766,461 shares held by affiliates of Ameris, as such term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act, which shares may only be sold pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or in compliance with Rule 144 or another applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Ameris common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol ABCB.

Islands. All of the 740,260 issued and outstanding shares of Islands common stock are freely tradeable, except for approximately 252,818 shares held by affiliates of Islands, which shares may only be sold pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or in compliance with Rule 144 or another applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. There is no established trading market for Islands common stock

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Ameris and Islands. Both Ameris and Islands are reporting companies that file annual and quarterly financial reports with the SEC. Ameris also files certain reports with the Federal Reserve Board and the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, and Islands files certain reports with the Federal Reserve Board and the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions.

PREEMPTIVE, VOTING AND LIQUIDATION RIGHTS

Ameris. The Ameris common stock does not have preemptive rights. Each share of Ameris common stock has the right to cast one vote on all matters voted upon by the Ameris shareholders.

Under the Georgia Business Corporation Code, a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote must approve any dissolution or liquidation of a corporation, unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws require a greater vote. Neither Ameris s Articles of Incorporation nor its Bylaws imposes any such requirement.

Islands. Like Ameris common stock, the Islands common stock does not have preemptive rights, and each share of Islands common stock has the right to cast one vote on all matters voted upon by the Islands shareholders.

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Under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, two-thirds of the outstanding shares entitled to vote must approve any dissolution or liquidation of a corporation, unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws requires a higher vote or a lower vote, which may not be less than a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote. Neither Islands Articles of Incorporation nor its Bylaws imposes a different requirement.

MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS AND SALES OF ASSETS

Ameris. Under the Georgia Business Corporation Code, a merger (other than a merger of a subsidiary in which the parent owns at least 90% of each class of outstanding stock), a disposition of all or substantially all of a corporation s property and a share exchange generally must be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws requires otherwise. Neither Ameris s Articles of Incorporation nor its Bylaws imposes any such requirement.

Islands. Under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, a merger (other than a merger of a subsidiary in which the parent owns at least 90% of each class of outstanding stock), a disposition of all or substantially all of a corporation s property and a share exchange generally must be approved by at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws requires a higher vote or a lower vote, which may not be less than a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote. Neither Islands Articles of Incorporation nor its Bylaws imposes a different requirement.

DISSENTERS RIGHTS

Ameris. Under the Georgia Business Corporation Code, a shareholder of a corporation participating in certain transactions may, under certain circumstances, receive the fair value of his or her shares in cash, in lieu of the consideration he or she would otherwise have received in the transaction. The Georgia Business Corporation Code recognizes dissenters rights in connection with mergers, share exchanges, sales of all or substantially all of the corporation s property and certain amendments to the articles of incorporation that materially and adversely affect a shareholder s rights. Appraisal rights are not available (unless otherwise provided in the corporation s articles of incorporation): (i) if the shares of the corporation are listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders, and shareholders by the terms of the merger or consolidation are not required to accept in exchange for their shares anything other than shares of stock of the surviving or resulting corporation, or shares of stock of any other corporation listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders, other than cash in lieu of fractional shares of stock; or (ii) in a merger if the corporation is the surviving corporation and no vote of its shareholders thereon is required. Under the Georgia Business Corporation Code, shareholders of Ameris are not entitled to dissenters rights with respect to the proposed merger.

Islands. Holders of Islands common stock have dissenters rights with respect to the proposed merger. See the section entitled Statutory Provisions for Dissenting Shareholders at page 42.

TAXATION

Ameris and Islands. Ameris and Islands are both taxable entities under the Code and are taxed on their respective income and entitled to the deductions allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. A sale of Ameris common stock or Islands common stock will normally result in a capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. Shareholders of Ameris or Islands who receive dividends are expected to receive a copy of Form 1099 filed with the Internal Revenue Service prior to January 31 of the following year.

DISTRIBUTIONS

Ameris and Islands. The holders of Ameris common stock and Islands common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by Ameris s board of directors and Islands board of directors, respectively, and paid by Ameris and Islands, respectively, out of funds legally available therefor. Under Federal Reserve

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Board policy, a bank holding company is expected to act as a source of financial strength to each of its subsidiary banks and to commit resources to support each such bank. Consistent with this policy, the Federal Reserve Board has stated that, as a matter of prudent banking, a bank holding company generally should not maintain a rate of cash dividends unless the available net income of the bank holding company is sufficient to fully fund the dividends, and the prospective rate of earnings retention appears to be consistent with its capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The ability of Ameris and Islands to pay cash dividends is currently influenced, and in the future could be further influenced, by bank regulatory policies or agreements and by capital guidelines. Accordingly, the actual amount and timing of future dividends, if any, will depend on, among other things, future earnings, the financial condition of Ameris and Islands and each of their respective subsidiary banks, the amount of cash on hand at the holding company level, outstanding debt obligations, if any, and the requirements imposed by regulatory authorities.

LIABILITY

Ameris and Islands. Neither the Ameris shareholders nor the Islands shareholders are personally liable for the obligations of Ameris or Islands, respectively.

ASSESSMENTS

Ameris and Islands. All issued and outstanding shares of Ameris common stock and Islands common stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

FIDUCIARY DUTIES

Ameris and Islands. Ameris s Articles of Incorporation and Islands Articles of Incorporation each provide that, with certain exceptions, officers and directors are not liable to Ameris or Islands, respectively, or their respective shareholders for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty of care.

INDEMNIFICATION

Ameris. The Georgia Business Corporation Code permits a corporation to indemnify a director if the director seeking indemnification acted in a manner he or she believed in good faith to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation and, in the case of any criminal proceedings, that he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, provided that indemnification in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation is limited to reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding. Ameris s Articles of Incorporation provide that no director shall be personally liable to Ameris or its shareholders for monetary damages for any breach of the duty of care or other duty as a director, except that such liability shall not be eliminated: (i) for any appropriation, in violation of a director s duties, of any business opportunity of the corporation; (ii) for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) for certain unlawful distributions; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Islands. Like the Georgia Business Corporation Code, the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 permits a corporation to indemnify a director if the director seeking indemnification acted in a manner he or she

believed in good faith to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation and, in the case of any criminal proceedings, that he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, provided that indemnification in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation is limited to reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding. Islands Articles of Incorporation provide that no director shall be personally liable to Islands or its shareholders for monetary damages for any breach of the duty of care or other duty as a director, except that such liability shall not be eliminated: (i) for any appropriation, in violation of a director s duties, of any business opportunity of the corporation; (ii) for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) for certain unlawful distributions; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

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MANAGEMENT

Ameris and Islands. The business and affairs of Ameris and Islands are managed by or under the direction of each company s board of directors. Ameris and Islands have a provision in their respective Articles of Incorporation for a staggered board, and each director is elected every third year at the annual meeting of shareholders and may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the shareholders at any meeting of such holders.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Ameris. Special meetings of the Ameris shareholders may be called at any time by Ameris s Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, President, Secretary or a majority of the directors of Ameris. Special meetings of the Ameris shareholders also shall be called upon the written request of the holders of 50% or more of all shares of capital stock of Ameris entitled to vote in an election of directors.

Islands. Special meetings of the Island shareholders may be called at any time by Islands Chairman of the Board or by a majority of the directors of Islands. Special meetings of the Islands shareholders also shall be called upon the written request of the holders of 50% or more of all shares of capital stock of Islands entitled to vote in an election of directors.

RIGHT TO COMPEL DISSOLUTION

Ameris. Under the Georgia Business Corporation Code, the shareholders of Ameris may not compel the dissolution of Ameris without prior action by the board of directors proposing such dissolution.

Islands. Under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, if shareholders of Islands holding at least 10% of any class of voting stock of Islands propose dissolution, then the board of directors of Islands must submit that proposal to the shareholders for their vote at the next possible special or annual meeting of Islands shareholders.

CONTINUITY OF EXISTENCE

Ameris and Islands. Ameris s Articles of Incorporation and Islands Articles of Incorporation each provide for perpetual existence, subject to termination or dissolution provided by applicable law.

CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS

Ameris. The Georgia Business Corporation Code affords Ameris shareholders the right to bring a legal action on behalf of Ameris (a shareholder derivative action) to recover damages from a third party or an officer or director of Ameris if the Ameris shareholder was a shareholder of Ameris at the time of the act or omission complained of or became a shareholder through transfer by operation of law from one who was a shareholder at that time and fairly and adequately represents the interest of Ameris in enforcing its rights. In addition, a shareholder may not commence a derivative proceeding until a written demand has been made upon the corporation to take suitable action and 90 days have expired from the date the demand was made (unless the demand has been rejected by the corporation or irreparable injury to the corporation would

result by waiting for the expiration of that 90-day period). In addition, Ameris shareholders may bring class actions to recover damages from directors for violations of their fiduciary duties.

Islands. Under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, a shareholder derivative action may be maintained on behalf of Islands in federal and state court in accordance with applicable rules of civil procedure.

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RIGHT TO LIST OF HOLDERS AND INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

Ameris. Under the Georgia Business Corporation Code, Ameris shareholders are generally entitled to inspect and copy Ameris s Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, shareholder resolutions, board of directors resolutions, lists of names and addresses of board members, all written communications to shareholders, lists of names and business addresses of current directors and officers and the annual registration filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia. An Ameris shareholder must make a written request at least five business days in advance of such inspection, which must occur during regular business hours at Ameris s principal office. Other Ameris records, including accounting records and the record of Ameris shareholders, are generally available to an Ameris shareholder for inspection and copying during regular business hours at a reasonable location specified by Ameris upon written demand at least five business days in advance if the shareholder makes a demand in good faith and for a proper purpose that is reasonably relevant to his or her legitimate interests as a shareholder, describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records desired to be inspected, and the records requested are directly connected with a stated purpose and are to be used only for that stated purpose. A Georgia corporation may limit these latter inspection rights to shareholders owning more than 2% of the outstanding stock of the corporation. Ameris s Articles of Incorporation do not contain any such limitation.

Islands. Under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, Islands shareholders are generally entitled to inspect and copy Islands Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, shareholder resolutions, certain board of directors resolutions, lists of names and addresses of board members, all written communications to shareholders, lists of names and business addresses of current directors and officers and the annual report filed with the Department of Revenue of the State of South Carolina. An Islands shareholder must make a written request at least five business days in advance of such inspection, which must occur during regular business hours at Islands principal office. An Islands shareholder holding at least 1% of any class of shares of Islands is also entitled to inspect Islands federal and state income tax returns for the last ten years. Other Islands records, including accounting records and the record of Islands shareholders, are generally available to an Islands shareholder for inspection and copying during regular business hours at a reasonable location specified by Islands upon written demand at least five business days in advance if the shareholder makes a demand in good faith and for a proper purpose that is reasonably relevant to his or her legitimate interests as a shareholder, describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records desired to be inspected, and the records requested are directly connected with a stated purpose and are to be used only for that stated purpose. A South Carolina corporation may not limit these latter inspection rights.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain federal income tax consequences of the proposed merger and the legality of the authorization and issuance under Georgia law of the Ameris common stock to be issued in the proposed merger will be passed upon by counsel to Ameris, Rogers & Hardin LLP, 2700 International Tower, 229 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Certain federal income tax consequences of the proposed merger will be passed upon by counsel to Islands, Powell Goldstein LLP, One Atlantic Center, Fourteenth Floor, 1201 West Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Ameris incorporated in this proxy statement/prospectus by reference to Ameris s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants, LLC, independent auditors, given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Islands included in Islands Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2005, which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as APPENDIX D, have been audited by Francis and Company CPAs, independent auditors, as set forth in such firm s report thereon. Such financial statements have been so included in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS AND OTHER MATTERS

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, shareholders must present proper proposals for inclusion in a company s proxy statement and for consideration at the next annual meeting of its shareholders by submitting their proposals to the company in a timely manner.

Islands will hold an annual meeting in the year 2006 only if the merger is not consummated. In order to be eligible for inclusion in Islands proxy materials for next year s annual meeting of shareholders, any shareholder proposal to take action at the meeting must be received at Islands main office at 2348 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902.

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WHERE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION

Ameris and Islands file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. The reports, proxy statements and other information filed by Ameris and Islands with the SEC can be inspected and copied at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 580, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates, and from the web site that the SEC maintains at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Ameris common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market. The reports, proxy statements and other information concerning Ameris can be inspected at the offices of Nasdaq Operations, 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Ameris has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 to register with the SEC the Ameris common stock to be issued to shareholders of Islands in the merger. This proxy statement/prospectus is a part of the registration statement and constitutes a prospectus of Ameris in addition to being a proxy statement of Islands for its special meeting. As allowed by SEC rules, this proxy statement/prospectus does not contain all the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. Copies of the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto may be inspected, without charge, at the offices of the SEC, or obtained at prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at Room 580, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, or obtained from the SEC web site.

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INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows Ameris to incorporate by reference information into this proxy statement/prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this proxy statement/prospectus, except for any information superseded by information in this proxy statement/prospectus. This proxy statement/prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that Ameris has previously filed with the SEC:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005;

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2006;

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on August 17, 2006, September 8, 2006 and September 21, 2006; and

The description of Ameris's securities contained under the caption Description of Capital Stock found on pages 51-52 of the Preliminary Prospectus dated as of April 21, 1994 filed as part of Ameris's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (Registration No. 33-77930) filed with the SEC on April 21, 1994, and Ameris's Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B (File No. 001-13901) filed with the SEC on February 25, 1998.

All documents filed by Ameris with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this proxy statement/prospectus and prior to the Islands special meeting shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/ prospectus from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this proxy statement/prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this proxy statement/prospectus, or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated herein by reference, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this proxy statement/prospectus except as so modified or superseded. The information relating to Ameris contained in this proxy statement/prospectus should be read together with the information in the documents incorporated herein by reference.

Documents incorporated by reference are available from Ameris without charge, excluding all exhibits unless we have specifically incorporated by reference an exhibit in this proxy statement/prospectus. Islands shareholders may obtain documents incorporated by reference by Ameris in this proxy statement/prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from Cindi H. Lewis, Ameris Bancorp, 24 2nd Avenue, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768 (229-890-1111). If you would like to request documents, please do so by December 13, 2006 to receive them before the

special meeting.

All information concerning Ameris and its subsidiaries has been furnished by Ameris, and all information concerning Islands and Islands Bank has been furnished by Islands.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this proxy statement/prospectus to vote on the merger. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in this proxy statement/prospectus. This proxy statement/prospectus is dated November 9, 2006. You should not assume that the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than such date, and neither the mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus to shareholders nor the issuance of Ameris stock in the merger shall create any implication to the contrary. This proxy statement/prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom it is not lawful to make any such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. Neither the delivery of this proxy statement/prospectus nor any distribution of securities made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of Ameris or Islands since the date hereof or that the information herein is correct as of any time subsequent to its date.

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APPENDIX A

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

BY AND AMONG

ISLANDS BANCORP

ISLANDS COMMUNITY BANK, N.A.

AMERIS BANCORP

AND

AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY

As of August 15, 2006

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (the Agreement) is made and entered into as of August 15, 2006, by and among ISLANDS BANCORP (Target), a South Carolina corporation, and ISLANDS COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. (Target Bank), a national banking association, on the one hand, and AMERIS BANCORP (Purchaser), a Georgia corporation, and AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY (Purchaser Bank), a Georgia state-chartered bank, on the other hand. Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Section 10.1 hereof.

Preamble

The Boards of Directors of Target, Purchaser, Target Bank and Purchaser Bank are of the opinion that the transactions described herein are in the best interests of the respective Parties and their shareholders. This Agreement provides for (i) the merger of Target Bank with and into Purchaser Bank (the Bank Merger) and (ii) the combination of Target with Purchaser pursuant to the merger of Target with and into Purchaser, as a result of which the outstanding shares of the capital stock of Target shall be converted into the right to receive cash and shares of the common stock of Purchaser and the shareholders of Target (other than those shareholders, if any, who exchange their shares solely for cash) shall become shareholders of Purchaser (the Company Merger and, together with the Bank Merger, the Mergers). The transactions described in this Agreement are subject to the approvals of the shareholders of Target, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance and the satisfaction of certain other conditions described in this Agreement. It is the intention of the parties to this Agreement that the Company Merger for federal income tax purposes shall qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above and the mutual warranties, representations, covenants and agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

TERMS OF MERGERS AND CLOSING

SECTION 1.1 Terms of Company Merger. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, at the Effective Time, Target shall be merged with and into Purchaser in accordance with the provisions of Section 14-2-1107 of the GBCC and with the effect provided in Section 14-2-1106 of the GBCC. Purchaser shall be the Surviving Corporation resulting from the Company Merger and shall continue to be governed by the Laws of the State of Georgia. The Company Merger shall be consummated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, which has been approved and adopted by the respective Boards of Directors of Target and Purchaser.

SECTION 1.2 *Terms of Bank Merger*. Concurrent with the consummation of the Company Merger, Target Bank shall be merged with and into Purchaser Bank in accordance with the Financial Institutions Code of Georgia pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Bank Plan of Merger and Merger Agreement attached hereto as *Exhibit 1.2* (the Bank Merger Agreement). Target shall vote the shares of Target Bank in favor of the Bank Merger Agreement and the Bank Merger.

SECTION 1.3 *Time and Place of Closing.* The Closing shall take place at 10:00 a.m. on the date that the Effective Time occurs or at such other time as the Parties, acting through their chief executive officers or chief financial officers, may mutually agree (the Closing Date). The Closing shall be held at such location as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties or may be conducted by mail or facsimile as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

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SECTION 1.4 Effective Time. The Company Merger shall become effective on the date and at the time specified in the Georgia Articles of Merger reflecting the Company Merger to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia (the Effective Time). Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the chief executive officer or chief financial officer of each Party, the Parties shall use their reasonable efforts to cause the Effective Time to occur within thirty (30) days after the last to occur of (i) the effective date (including expiration of any applicable waiting period) of the last required Consent of any Regulatory Authority having authority over and approving or exempting the Company Merger and (ii) the date on which the shareholders of Target approve this Agreement to the extent such approval is required by applicable Law. The Bank Merger Agreement shall become effective at the date and time specified therein.

ARTICLE 2.

ARTICLES; BY-LAWS; MANAGEMENT

SECTION 2.1 *Company Merger*. The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Purchaser, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall remain unchanged by reason of the Company Merger and shall be the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Purchaser as the Surviving Corporation. The directors and officers of Purchaser at the Effective Time shall be the directors and officers of Purchaser as the Surviving Corporation until the earlier of their resignation or removal or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, as the case may be. Each share of Purchaser Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain issued and outstanding from and after the Effective Time. At the Effective Time, the shares of Target Common Stock shall be converted as set forth in Article 3.

SECTION 2.2 Bank Merger.

- (a) The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Purchaser Bank, as in effect immediately prior to the effective time of the Bank Merger, shall remain unchanged by reason of the Bank Merger and shall be the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Purchaser Bank as the surviving entity in the Bank Merger. The directors and officers of Purchaser Bank at the effective time of the Bank Merger shall be the directors and officers of Purchaser Bank as the surviving entity in the Bank Merger until the earlier of their resignation or removal or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, as the case may be. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.2(b) hereof, at the effective time of the Bank Merger and by virtue thereof, (i) all shares of capital stock of Target Bank shall be canceled and (ii) the shares of capital stock of Purchaser Bank, as the surviving entity in the Bank Merger, issued and outstanding immediately prior to such effective time shall continue to be issued and outstanding, and no additional shares shall be issued as a result of the Bank Merger.
- (b) The Parties agree that, notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, upon the request of Purchaser, the method of effecting the Bank Merger may be changed to provide for the merger of Target Bank with and into a Purchaser Subsidiary other than Purchaser Bank, and the Target Companies shall cooperate in such efforts, including by entering into an appropriate amendment to this Agreement (to the extent such amendment only changes the method of effecting the Bank Merger and does not substantively affect this Agreement or the rights and obligations of the Parties or their respective

shareholders hereunder); *provided*, *however*, that any actions taken pursuant to this Section 2.2(b) shall not (i) alter or change the kind or amount of consideration to be issued to holders of Outstanding Target Shares, the Option Holders or the Warrant Holders as provided for in this Agreement; (ii) adversely affect the tax consequences of the Company Merger to the holders of Outstanding Target Shares; (iii) Materially delay the receipt of the Consent of any Regulatory Authority required pursuant to Section 8.1(b) hereof; or (iv) otherwise cause any condition to Closing set forth herein not to be capable of being fulfilled (unless duly waived by the Party entitled to the benefits thereof).

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ARTICLE 3.

MANNER OF CONVERTING AND EXCHANGING SHARES IN THE COMPANY MERGER

SECTION 3.1 *Conversion of Shares.* Subject to the provisions of this Article 3, at the Effective Time, by virtue of the Company Merger and without any action on the part of the holders thereof, the shares of Purchaser Common Stock and Target Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted as follows:

- (a) Each share of Purchaser Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain issued and outstanding from and after the Effective Time.
- (b) At the Effective Time, each share of Target Common Stock (including any shares currently subject to options or warrants which are exercised prior to the Effective Time) outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than (i) shares with respect to which the holders thereof, prior to the Effective Time, met the requirements of, and perfected their dissenters rights under, Chapter 13 of the SCCA with respect to shareholders dissenting from the Company Merger (the Dissenting Shares), and (ii) shares held by Target or by Purchaser or the Purchaser Subsidiaries, in each case other than in a fiduciary capacity (each an Outstanding Target Share and, collectively, the Outstanding Target Shares), shall automatically be converted at the Effective Time into the right to receive cash and shares of Purchaser Common Stock, plus cash in lieu of fractional shares pursuant to Section 3.1(i) below, as set forth in this Section 3.1. Subject to the remaining provisions of this Section 3.1, each Target shareholder who does not dissent may elect to have each Outstanding Target Share held by such Target Shareholder converted into (i) cash in the amount of the Target Stock Price (the Cash Consideration) or (ii) a number of shares of Purchaser Common Stock (the Stock Consideration) equal to the Target Stock Price divided by the Average Market Price.
- (c) Purchaser and Target shall each use its commercially reasonable efforts to mail to each holder of shares of Target Common Stock outstanding on the record date fixed for the Shareholders Meeting (the Record Date) a form (Form of Election) designed for the purpose of allowing the shareholder to elect, subject to the proration and election procedures set forth in this Section 3.1, whether to receive (i) the Cash Consideration for all of his or her Outstanding Target Shares (a Cash Election), (ii) the Stock Consideration for all of his or her Outstanding Target Shares (a Stock Election), or (iii) the Cash Consideration and the Stock Consideration for his or her Outstanding Target Shares in the relative proportions specified by such Target shareholder (a Combination Election). Target shareholders who hold such shares as nominees, trustees or in other representative capacities (a Representative) may submit multiple Forms of Election, provided that such Representative certifies that each such Form of Election covers all the shares of Target Common Stock held by each such Representative for a particular beneficial owner. A Form of Election must be received by the Exchange Agent no later than by the close of business five (5) days prior to the Effective Time (the Election Deadline) in order to be effective. All elections shall be irrevocable.
- (d) Prior to the Effective Time, Purchaser shall select a bank or trust company reasonably acceptable to Target to act as exchange agent (the Exchange Agent) to effectuate the delivery of the Cash Consideration and the Stock Consideration to holders of Target Common Stock. Elections shall be made by

holders of Target Common Stock by mailing, faxing or otherwise delivering to the Exchange Agent a Form of Election. To be effective, a Form of Election must be properly completed, signed and submitted to the Exchange Agent. Purchaser shall have the discretion, which it may delegate in whole or in part to the Exchange Agent, to determine whether Forms of Election have been properly completed, signed and submitted and to disregard immaterial defects in Forms of Election. The decision of Purchaser (or the Exchange Agent) in such matters shall be conclusive and binding. Neither Purchaser nor the Exchange Agent will be under any obligation to notify any Person of any defect in a Form of Election; *provided*, *however*, that Purchaser (or the Exchange Agent) shall use its reasonable best efforts to notify holders of Target Common Stock of any such defect.

(e) A holder of Target Common Stock who does not submit a Form of Election which is received by the Exchange Agent prior to the Election Deadline shall be deemed to have made a Stock Election to receive the

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Stock Consideration for each of his or her Outstanding Target Shares (a Default Stock Election). If Purchaser or the Exchange Agent shall determine, in its sole discretion, that any purported Cash Election, Stock Election or Combination Election was not properly made, such purported election shall be deemed to be of no force and effect, and the Target shareholder making such purported election shall for purposes hereof be deemed to have made a Default Stock Election.

- (f) All shares of Target Common Stock which are subject to Cash Elections or the cash portion of Combination Elections are referred to herein as Cash Election Shares. All shares of Target Common Stock which are subject to Stock Elections (including Default Stock Elections) or the stock portion of Combination Elections are referred to herein as Stock Election Shares. The sum of the number of Dissenting Shares and the number of Cash Election Shares shall not be greater than 25% of the sum of the Outstanding Target Shares and the number of Dissenting Shares (the Maximum Cash Election Number). The number of Stock Election Shares shall not be greater than 75% of the number of Outstanding Target Shares (the Maximum Stock Election Number).
- (g) If, after the results of the Forms of Election are calculated, the number of Stock Election Shares exceeds the Maximum Stock Election Number, then the Exchange Agent shall determine the number of Stock Election Shares which must be redesignated as Cash Election Shares, and all Target shareholders who have made a Default Stock Election shall, on a pro rata basis, have such number of their Stock Election Shares redesignated as Cash Election Shares so that the Maximum Stock Election Number is achieved. If, after redesignating to Cash Election Shares all shares for which a Default Stock Election was made, the Maximum Stock Election Number is not achieved, then the Exchange Agent shall determine the additional number of Stock Election Shares which must be redesignated as Cash Election Shares, and all Target shareholders who have Stock Election Shares shall, on a pro rata basis, have such number of their Stock Election Shares redesignated as Cash Election Shares so that the Maximum Stock Election Number is achieved. If, after the results of the Forms of Election are calculated, the number of Cash Election Shares exceeds the Maximum Cash Election Number, then the Exchange Agent shall determine the number of Cash Election Shares which must be redesignated as Stock Election Shares, and all Target shareholders who have Cash Election Shares shall, on a pro rata basis, have such number of their Cash Election Shares redesignated as Stock Election Shares so that the Maximum Cash Election Number is achieved. Purchaser or the Exchange Agent shall make all computations contemplated by this Section 3.1, and all such computations shall be conclusive and binding on the holders of Target Common Stock.
- (h) After the redesignation procedure set forth in Section 3.1(g) above is completed, all Cash Election Shares shall be converted into the right to receive the Cash Consideration, and all Stock Election Shares shall be converted into the right to receive the Stock Consideration. Such certificates previously evidencing shares of Target Common Stock (Old Certificates) shall be exchanged for (i) certificates evidencing the Stock Consideration or (ii) the Cash Consideration, multiplied in each case by the number of shares previously evidenced by the canceled certificate, upon the surrender of such certificates in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2 hereof, without interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, no fractional shares of Purchaser Common Stock shall be issued, and, in lieu thereof, a cash payment shall be made pursuant to Section 3.1(i) below.

- (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each holder of Outstanding Target Shares exchanged pursuant to the Company Merger who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fraction of a share of Purchaser Common Stock as Stock Consideration (after taking into account all certificates delivered by such holder) shall receive, in lieu thereof, cash (without interest) in an amount equal to such fractional part of a share of Purchaser Common Stock multiplied by the Average Market Price. No such holder will be entitled to dividends, voting rights, or any other rights as a shareholder in respect of any fractional shares.
- (j) Each share of the Target Common Stock that is not an Outstanding Target Share as of the Effective Time shall be cancelled without consideration therefor.

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(k) No Dissenting Shares shall be converted in the Company Merger. All such shares shall be cancelled and the holders thereof shall thereafter have only such rights as are granted to dissenting shareholders under Chapter 13 of the SCCA; provided, however, that if any such shareholder fails to perfect his or her rights as a dissenting shareholder with respect to his or her Dissenting Shares in accordance with Chapter 13 of the SCCA, such shares held by such shareholder shall, upon the happening of that event, be treated the same as all other holders of Target Common Stock who at the Effective Time held Outstanding Target Shares.

SECTION 3.2 Exchange of Shares. Target shall send or cause to be sent to each holder of Outstanding Target Shares as of the Record Date a form of letter of transmittal (the Letter of Transmittal) for use in exchanging Old Certificates for cash and certificates representing Purchaser Common Stock which shall be deposited with the Exchange Agent by Purchaser as of the Effective Time. The Letter of Transmittal shall be mailed within ten (10) business days following the date of the Shareholders Meeting. The Letter of Transmittal will contain instructions with respect to the surrender of Old Certificates and the distribution of the Cash Consideration and certificates evidencing the Stock Consideration, which shall be deposited with the Exchange Agent by Purchaser as of the Effective Time. If any certificates for shares of Purchaser Common Stock are to be issued in a name other than that for which an Old Certificate surrendered or exchanged is issued, the Old Certificate so surrendered shall be properly endorsed and otherwise in proper form for transfer and the person requesting such exchange shall affix any requisite stock transfer tax stamps to the Old Certificate surrendered or provide funds for their purchase or establish to the satisfaction of the Exchange Agent that such taxes are not payable. Unless and until Old Certificates or evidence that such certificates have been lost, stolen or destroyed (accompanied by such security or indemnity as shall be requested by Purchaser) are presented to the Exchange Agent, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to receive the consideration to be paid in exchange therefor pursuant to the Company Merger or any dividends payable on any Purchaser Common Stock to which he or she is entitled or to exercise any rights as a shareholder of Purchaser Common Stock, except as provided in Section 3.5 below. Subject to applicable Law and to the extent that the same has not yet been paid to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property Laws, upon surrender of his or her Old Certificates, the holder thereof shall be paid the consideration to which he or she is entitled. All such property, if held by the Exchange Agent for payment or delivery to the holders of unsurrendered Old Certificates and unclaimed at the end of one (1) year from the Effective Time, shall at such time be paid or redelivered by the Exchange Agent to Purchaser, and after such time any holder of an Old Certificate who has not surrendered such certificate shall, subject to applicable Laws and to the extent that the same has not yet been paid to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property Laws, look as a general creditor only to Purchaser for payment or delivery of such property. In no event will any holder of Target Common Stock exchanged in the Company Merger be entitled to receive any interest on any amounts held by the Exchange Agent or Purchaser.

SECTION 3.3 *Shares Held by Target or Purchaser.* Each of the shares of Target Common Stock held by any Target Company or by any Purchaser Company, in each case other than in a fiduciary capacity or as a result of debts previously contracted, shall be canceled and retired at the Effective Time and no consideration shall be issued in exchange therefor.

SECTION 3.4 *Rights of Former Target Shareholders*. At the Effective Time, the stock transfer books of Target shall be closed as to holders of Target Common Stock immediately prior to the Effective Time, and no transfer of

Target Common Stock by any such holder shall thereafter be made or recognized. Until surrendered for exchange in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2 of this Agreement, each Old Certificate (other than shares to be canceled pursuant to Section 3.1(j) of this Agreement) shall from and after the Effective Time represent for all purposes only the right to receive the consideration provided in Section 3.1 of this Agreement in exchange therefor. To the extent permitted by Law, former shareholders of record of Target shall be entitled to vote after the Effective Time at any meeting of shareholders of Purchaser the number of whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock into which their respective shares of Target Common Stock are converted, regardless of whether such holders have exchanged their certificates representing Target Common Stock for certificates representing Purchaser Common Stock in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Whenever a dividend or other distribution is declared by Purchaser on the Purchaser Common Stock, the record date for

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which is at or after the Effective Time, the declaration shall include dividends or other distributions on all shares issuable pursuant to this Agreement, but no dividend or other distribution payable to the holders of record of Purchaser Common Stock as of any time subsequent to the Effective Time shall be delivered to the holder of any certificate representing shares of Target Common Stock issued and outstanding at the Effective Time until such holder surrenders such certificate for exchange as provided in Section 3.2 of this Agreement. However, upon surrender of such Target Common Stock certificate, the Purchaser Common Stock certificate (together with all such undelivered dividends or other distributions without interest), the Cash Consideration (without interest) and any undelivered cash payments to be paid for fractional share interests (without interest) shall be delivered and paid with respect to each share represented by such certificate.

SECTION 3.5 *Treatment of Stock Options*. The name of each holder (Option Holder) of an option to purchase shares of Target Common Stock issued by Target (Target Option) and the number of Target Options owned by such Option Holder is set forth on *Exhibit 3.5(a)* hereto. Each Target Option shall be cancelled upon consummation of the Company Merger, and all rights in respect thereof will cease to exist, in consideration of the automatic conversion at the Effective Time of such Target Option into the right to receive, on the Closing Date, cash in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate number of Option Shares for which such Target Option could have been exercised immediately prior to the Effective Time (whether or not such Target Option is then exercisable), multiplied by (ii) the difference between (A) the Target Stock Price and (B) the exercise price for each Option Share subject to such Target Option.

SECTION 3.6 Treatment of Warrants. The name of each holder (Warrant Holder) of a warrant to purchase shares of Target Common Stock issued by Target (Target Warrant) and the number of Target Warrants owned by such Warrant Holder is set forth on *Exhibit 3.6(a)* hereto. At the election of the Warrant Holder, the entirety of each Target Warrant held by such Warrant Holder shall be converted at the Effective Time into the right to receive, on the Closing Date, either (a) cash in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate number of Warrant Shares for which such Target Warrant could have been exercised immediately prior to the Effective Time (whether or not such Target Warrant is then exercisable), multiplied by (ii) the difference between (A) the Target Stock Price and (B) the exercise price for each Warrant Share subject to such Target Warrant, or (b) a number of shares of Purchaser Common Stock equal to (i) the aggregate number of Warrant Shares for which such Target Warrant could have been exercised immediately prior to the Effective Time (whether or not such Target Warrant is then exercisable), multiplied by (ii) the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the difference between (1) the Target Stock Price and (2) the exercise price for each Warrant Share subject to such Target Warrant, by (B) the Average Market Price. Such election shall be made by the Warrant Holder s delivery to Target of an election notice in the form set forth in Exhibit A to Exhibit 3.6(b) hereto prior to the Election Deadline. A Warrant Holder who does not deliver such an election notice to Target by the Election Deadline shall receive cash in respect of 50% of the Warrant Shares issuable upon the exercise of such Warrant Holder s Target Warrant and Purchaser Common Stock in respect of the remaining 50% of such Warrant Shares, in each case in an amount determined in accordance with the second sentence of this Section 3.6. Target has previously delivered to Purchaser a letter agreement in the form set forth in Exhibit 3.6(b) with each Warrant Holder pursuant to which each Warrant Holder has consented to the provisions of this Section 3.6.

ARTICLE 4.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF TARGET AND TARGET BANK

Target and Target Bank hereby, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to Purchaser as follows:

SECTION 4.1 Organization, Standing and Power.

(a) Target is a corporation duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of South Carolina, and is duly registered as a bank holding company under the BHC Act. Target has the corporate power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and to own, lease and operate its Assets. Target is duly qualified or licensed to transact business as a foreign corporation in good standing in the States of

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the United States and foreign jurisdictions where the character of its assets or the nature or conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified or licensed, except for such jurisdictions in which the failure to be so qualified or licensed is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

(b) Target Bank is a national bank duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the United States of America, and has the corporate power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and to own, lease and operate its Assets. Target Bank is duly qualified or licensed to transact business and in good standing in the jurisdictions where the character of its Assets or the nature or conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified or licensed, except for such jurisdictions in which the failure to be so qualified or licensed is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on it. The minute books and other organizational documents and corporate records for Target Bank have been made available to Purchaser for its review and are true and complete in all Material respects as in effect as of the date of this Agreement and accurately reflect in all Material respects all amendments thereto and all proceedings of the Board of Directors and shareholders thereof.

SECTION 4.2 Authority; No Breach.

- (a) Each of Target and the Target Bank has the corporate power and authority necessary to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Bank Merger Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Bank Merger Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein, including the Mergers, have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action in respect thereof on the part of Target and Target Bank, subject to the approval of this Agreement by the holders of the outstanding Target Common Stock and by Target, as the sole shareholder of Target Bank. Subject to such requisite shareholder approval, this Agreement and the Bank Merger Agreement represent legal, valid and binding obligations of Target and Target Bank, as the case may be, enforceable against them in accordance with their respective terms (except in all cases as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar Laws affecting the enforcement of creditors rights generally and except that the availability of the equitable remedy of specific performance or injunctive relief is subject to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding may be brought).
- (b) With respect to each of Target and Target Bank, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Bank Merger Agreement, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, nor compliance with any of the provisions hereof or thereof, will (i) conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of its Articles of Incorporation or Association or its By-Laws, or (ii) constitute or result in a Default or loss of benefit under, or require any Consent pursuant to, or result in the creation of any Lien on any Asset of any Target Company under, any Contract or Permit of any Target Company, where such Default or Lien, or any failure to obtain such Consent, is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, or (iii) subject to receipt of the requisite approvals referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement, violate any Law or Order applicable to any Target Company or any of their respective Assets.

(c) Other than in connection or compliance with the provisions of the Securities Laws, applicable state corporate Laws, and other than Consents required from Regulatory Authorities, and other than notices to or filings with the IRS or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation with respect to any employee benefit plans, and other than Consents, filings or notifications which, if not obtained or made, are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, no notice to, filing with, or Consent of, any public body or authority is necessary for the consummation by Target or Target Bank of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated in this Agreement.

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SECTION 4.3 Capital Stock.

- (a) The authorized capital stock of Target consists of (i) 10,000,000 shares of Target Common Stock, of which 740,260 shares are issued and outstanding as of the date of this Agreement, and (ii) 2,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, none of which are issued or outstanding as of the date of this Agreement. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Target are duly and validly issued and outstanding and are fully paid and nonassessable under the SCCA. None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Target has been issued in violation of any preemptive rights of the current or past shareholders of Target.
- (b) The authorized capital stock of Target Bank consists of 600,000 shares of common stock, \$5.00 par value per share. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Target Bank are duly and validly issued and outstanding and are fully paid and nonassessable (except for assessment pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §55). None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Target Bank has been issued in violation of any preemptive rights of the current or past shareholders of Target Bank.
- (c) Except as set forth in Sections 4.3(a) and (b) of this Agreement, there are no shares of capital stock or other equity securities of Target or Target Bank outstanding and, except as set forth in *Exhibit 3.5(a)* and *Exhibit 3.6(a)*, there are no outstanding options, warrants, scrip, rights to subscribe to, calls, or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities or rights convertible into or exchangeable for, shares of the capital stock of Target or Target Bank or contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which Target or Target Bank is or may be bound to issue additional shares of its capital stock or options, warrants or rights to purchase or acquire any additional shares of its capital stock.

SECTION 4.4 Target Subsidiary. Target Bank is the only Subsidiary of Target, and Target owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Target Bank. No equity securities of Target Bank are or may become required to be issued (other than to a Target Company) by reason of any options, warrants, scrip, rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities or rights convertible into or exchangeable for, shares of the capital stock of Target Bank, and there are no Contracts by which Target Bank is bound to issue (other than to a Target Company) additional shares of its capital stock or options, warrants or rights to purchase or acquire any additional shares of its capital stock or by which any Target Company is or may be bound to transfer any shares of the capital stock of Target Bank (other than to a Target Company). There are no Contracts relating to the rights of any Target Company to vote or to dispose of any shares of the capital stock of Target Bank. Target Bank is an insured institution as defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and applicable regulations thereunder.

SECTION 4.5 Financial Statements.

(a) Target has timely filed all Target Financial Statements with the SEC, and Target will deliver to Purchaser copies of all financial statements, audited or unaudited, of Target prepared subsequent to the date hereof. The Target Financial Statements (as of the dates thereof and for the periods covered thereby) (i) are or, if prepared after the date of this Agreement, will be in accordance with the books and records of the Target Companies, which are or will be, as the case may be, complete and correct and which have been or will

have been, as the case may be, maintained in accordance with good business practices, and (ii) present or will present, as the case may be, fairly the consolidated financial position of the Target Companies as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations, changes in shareholders equity, and cash flows of the Target Companies for the periods indicated, in accordance with GAAP (subject to any exceptions as to consistency specified therein or as may be indicated in the notes thereto or, in the case of interim financial statements, to normal recurring year-end adjustments that are not Material). To the Knowledge of Target, (x) the Target Financial Statements do not contain any untrue statement of a Material fact or omit to state a Material fact necessary to make the Target Financial Statements not misleading with respect to the periods covered thereby; and (y) the Target Financial Statements fairly present, in all Material respects, the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Target as of and for the periods covered by them.

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(b) Target s external auditor is and has been throughout the periods covered by the Target Financial Statements (i) independent with respect to Target within the meaning of Regulation S-X under the 1933 Act and (ii) in compliance with subsections (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the 1934 Act and the related rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Except as Previously Disclosed, Target s auditors have not performed any non-audit services for Target since January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4.6 Absence of Undisclosed Liabilities. Except as Previously Disclosed, no Target Company has any Liabilities that are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, except Liabilities which are accrued or reserved against in the consolidated balance sheets of Target as of June 30, 2006 included in the Target Financial Statements or reflected in the notes thereto. Except as Previously Disclosed, no Target Company has incurred or paid any Liability since June 30, 2006, except for such Liabilities incurred or paid in the ordinary course of business consistent with past business practice and which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

SECTION 4.7 Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Except as Previously Disclosed, since June 30, 2006, (a) there have been no events, changes or occurrences which have had, or are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, (b) the Target Companies have not taken any action, or failed to take any action, prior to the date of this Agreement, which action or failure, if taken after the date of this Agreement, would represent or result in a Material breach or violation of any of the covenants and agreements of Target provided in Article 7 of this Agreement, and (c) each Target Company has conducted its business in the ordinary and usual course (excluding the incurrence of expenses in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby).

SECTION 4.8 Tax Matters.

- (a) All Tax returns required to be filed by or on behalf of any of the Target Companies have been duly filed or requests for extensions have been timely filed, granted and have not expired for periods ended on or before June 30, 2006, and on or before the date of the most recent fiscal year end immediately preceding the Effective Time, except to the extent that all such failures to file, taken together, are not reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target, and all returns filed are complete and accurate to the Knowledge of Target. All Taxes shown on filed returns have been paid. As of the date of this Agreement, there is no audit examination, deficiency or refund Litigation with respect to any Taxes that is reasonably likely to result in a determination that would have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, except as reserved against in the Target Financial Statements delivered prior to the date of this Agreement. All Taxes and other Liabilities due with respect to completed and settled examinations or concluded Litigation have been paid.
- (b) None of the Target Companies has executed an extension or waiver of any statute of limitations on the assessment or collection of any Tax due that is currently in effect, and no unpaid tax deficiency has been asserted in writing against or with respect to any Target Company, which deficiency is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

- (c) Adequate provision for any Taxes due or to become due for any of the Target Companies for the period or periods through and including the date of the most recent respective Target Financial Statements has been made and is reflected on such Target Financial Statements.
- (d) Deferred Taxes of the Target Companies have been provided for in accordance with GAAP.
- (e) Each of the Target Companies is in compliance with, and its records contain all information and documents (including properly completed IRS Forms W-4 and W-9) necessary to comply with, all applicable information reporting and Tax withholding requirements under federal, state and local Tax Laws, and such records identify with specificity all accounts subject to backup withholding under Section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code, except for such instances of noncompliance and such omissions as are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

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- (f) No Target Company has made any payments, is obligated to make any payments or is a party to any contract, agreement or other arrangement that could obligate it to make any payments that would be disallowed as a deduction under Section 280G or 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (g) There are no Material Liens with respect to Taxes upon any of the Assets of any Target Company.
- (h) No Target Company has filed any consent under former Section 341(f) of the Internal Revenue Code concerning collapsible corporations.
- (i) No Target Company has or has had a permanent establishment in any foreign country, as defined in any applicable tax treaty or convention between the United States and such foreign country.

SECTION 4.9 Target Allowance for Possible Loan Losses. The allowance for possible loan or credit losses (the Target Allowance) shown on the consolidated balance sheets of Target included in the most recent Target Financial Statements dated prior to the date of this Agreement was, and the Target Allowance shown on the consolidated balance sheets of Target included in the financial statements of Target as of dates subsequent to the execution of this Agreement will be, as of the dates thereof, adequate (within the meaning of GAAP and applicable regulatory requirements or guidelines) to provide for losses relating to or inherent in the loan and lease portfolios (including accrued interest receivables) of the Target Bank and other extensions of credit (including letters of credit and commitments to make loans or extend credit) by Target Bank as of the dates thereof, except where the failure of such Target Allowance to be so maintained is not reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

SECTION 4.10 Assets. Except as Previously Disclosed or as disclosed or reserved against in the Target Financial Statements, or where the failure to own good and marketable title is not reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target, the Target Companies have good and marketable title, free and clear of all Liens, to all of their respective Assets. All Material tangible properties used in the businesses of the Target Companies are in good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and are usable in the ordinary course of business consistent with Target s past practices. All Assets which are Material to Target s business on a consolidated basis, held under leases or subleases by any of the Target Companies are held under valid Contracts enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other Laws affecting the enforcement of creditors rights generally and except that the availability of the equitable remedy of specific performance or injunctive relief is subject to the discretion of the court before which any proceedings may be brought), and each such Contract is in full force and effect. The policies of fire, theft, liability and other insurance maintained with respect to the Assets or businesses of the Target Companies provide adequate coverage under current industry practices against loss or Liability, and the fidelity and blanket bonds in effect as to which any of the Target Companies is a named insured are reasonably sufficient. No Target Company has received notice from any insurance carrier that (i) such insurance will be cancelled or that coverage thereunder will be reduced or eliminated or (ii) premium costs with respect to such policies of insurance will be substantially increased. The Assets of the Target Companies include all assets required to operate the businesses of the Target Companies as presently conducted.

SECTION 4.11 Environmental Matters.

- (a) Each Target Company, its Participation Facilities and, to the Knowledge of such Target Company, its Loan Properties are, and have been, in compliance with all Environmental Laws, except for violations which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (b) There is no Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Target, threatened before any court, governmental agency or authority or other forum in which any Target Company or any of its Participation Facilities has been or, with respect to threatened Litigation, may be named as a defendant (i) for alleged noncompliance (including by any predecessor) with any Environmental Law or (ii) relating to the release into the environment of any Hazardous Material or oil, whether or not occurring at, on, under or involving a site owned,

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leased or operated by any Target Company or any of its Participation Facilities, except for such Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Target, threatened that is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

- (c) There is no Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Target, threatened before any court, governmental agency or board or other forum in which any of its Loan Properties (or any Target Company in respect of such Loan Property) has been or, with respect to threatened Litigation, may be named as a defendant or potentially responsible party (i) for alleged noncompliance (including by any predecessor) with any Environmental Law or (ii) relating to the release into the environment of any Hazardous Material or oil, whether or not occurring at, on, under or involving a Loan Property, except for such Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Target, threatened that is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (d) To the Knowledge of Target, there is no reasonable basis for any Litigation of a type described in subsections (b) or (c) above, except such as is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (e) To the Knowledge of Target, during the period of (i) any Target Company s ownership or operation of any Loan Property, (ii) any Target Company s participation in the management of any Participation Facility, or (iii) any Target Company s holding of a security interest in a Loan Property, there has been no release of Hazardous Material or oil in, on, under or affecting any such Participation Facility or Loan Property, the release or presence of which could reasonably be expected to result in any reporting, clean up or remedial obligation pursuant to any Environmental Law, except such as are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (f) Prior to the period of (i) any Target Company s ownership or operation of any Loan Property, (ii) any Target Company s participation in the management of any Participation Facility, or (iii) any Target Company s holding of a security interest in a Loan Property, to the Knowledge of Target, there has been no release of any Hazardous Material or oil in, on, under or affecting any such Participation Facility or Loan Property, the release or presence of which could reasonably be expected to result in any reporting, clean up or remedial obligation pursuant to any Environmental Law, except such as are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

SECTION 4.12 Compliance with Laws.

- (a) Each Target Company has in effect all Permits necessary for it to own, lease or operate its Assets and to carry on its business as now conducted, except for those Permits the absence of which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, and there has occurred no Default under any such Permit, other than Defaults which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (b) Except as Previously Disclosed, no Target Company:

- (i) is in violation of any Laws, Orders or Permits applicable to its business or employees conducting its business, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the USA Patriot Act of 2001, except for violations which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target; and
- (ii) has received any notification or communication from any agency or department of federal, state or local government or any Regulatory Authority or the staff thereof (A) asserting that any Target Company is not in compliance with any of the Laws or Orders which such governmental authority or Regulatory Authority enforces, where such noncompliance is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, (B) threatening to revoke any Permits, the revocation of which is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, or

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- (C) requiring any Target Company to enter into or consent to the issuance of a cease and desist order, formal agreement, directive, commitment or memorandum of understanding, or to adopt any Board resolution or similar undertaking, which restricts Materially the conduct of its business, or in any manner relates to its capital adequacy, its credit or reserve policies, its management, or the payment of dividends.
- (c) Except as is not reasonably likely to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, each Target Company has properly administered all accounts for which it acts as a fiduciary, including accounts for which it serves as a trustee, agent, custodian, personal representative, guardian, conservator or investment advisor, in accordance with the terms of the governing documents thereof and all applicable Law. No Target Company, or any director, officer or employee of any Target Company, has committed any breach of trust or fiduciary duty with respect to any such fiduciary account that is reasonably likely to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, and, except as would not be reasonably likely to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, the accountings for each such fiduciary account are true and correct and accurately reflect the assets of such fiduciary account.
- (d) The records, systems, controls, data and information of Target and Target Bank are recorded, stored, maintained and operated under means (including any electronic, mechanical or photographic process, whether computerized or not) that are under the exclusive ownership and direct control of Target and Target Bank or accountants (including all means of access thereto and therefrom), except for any non-exclusive ownership and non-direct control that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the system of internal accounting controls described in the immediately following sentence. Target and Target Bank have devised and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Target (i) has designed disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that Material information relating to Target, including Target Bank, is made known to the management of Target by others within those entities and (ii) has disclosed, based on its most recent evaluation prior to the date hereof, to Target s auditors and the audit committee of its Board of Directors (A) any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls which are reasonably likely to adversely affect in any Material respect its ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and (B) any fraud, whether or not Material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in its internal controls. Target has made available to Purchaser a summary of any such disclosure made by management to Target s auditors and audit committee since January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4.13 *Labor Relations.* No Target Company is the subject of any Litigation asserting that it or any other Target Company has committed an unfair labor practice (within the meaning of the National Labor Relations Act or comparable state Law) or seeking to compel it or any other Target Company to bargain with any labor organization as to wages or conditions of employment, nor is there any strike or other labor dispute involving any Target Company, pending or, to its Knowledge, threatened nor, to its Knowledge, is there any activity involving any Target Company s employees seeking to certify a collective bargaining unit or engaging in any other organization activity.

SECTION 4.14 Employee Benefit Plans.

(a) Target has delivered or made available to Purchaser prior to the execution of this Agreement copies of all pension, retirement, profit-sharing, deferred compensation, stock option, employee stock ownership, severance pay, vacation, bonus or other incentive plans, all other written employee programs, arrangements or agreements, all medical, vision, dental or other health plans, all life insurance plans, and all other employee benefit plans or fringe benefit plans, including employee benefit plans, as that term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA, currently adopted, maintained by, sponsored in whole or in part by, or contributed to by any Target Company or Affiliate thereof for the benefit of employees, retirees, dependents, spouses, directors, independent contractors or other beneficiaries and under which employees, retirees, dependents, spouses, directors, independent contractors or other beneficiaries are eligible to participate (collectively, the Target Benefit Plans).

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Any of the Target Benefit Plans which is an employee pension benefit plan, as that term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, is referred to herein as a Target ERISA Plan. Each Target ERISA Plan which is also a defined benefit plan (as defined in Section 414(j)) of the Internal Revenue Code) is referred to herein as a Target Pension Plan. No Target Pension Plan is or has been a multi-employer plan within the meaning of Section 3(37) of ERISA. Except as Previously Disclosed, the Target Companies do not participate in either a multi-employer plan or a multiple employer plan.

- (b) The Target Companies have delivered or made available to Purchaser prior to the execution of this Agreement correct and complete copies of the following documents: (i) all trust agreements or other funding arrangements for all Target Benefit Plans (including insurance contracts) and all amendments thereto; (ii) with respect to any such Target Benefit Plans or amendments, all determination letters, Material rulings, Material opinion letters, Material information letters or Material advisory opinions issued by the IRS, the United States Department of Labor or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; (iii) all annual reports or returns, audited or unaudited financial statements, actuarial valuations and reports and summary annual reports prepared for any Target Benefit Plan with respect to the most recent plan year; and (iv) the most recent summary plan descriptions and any Material modifications thereto.
- (c) All Target Benefit Plans are in compliance with the applicable terms of ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code and any other applicable Laws, the breach or violation of which are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target. Target maintains a 401(k) plan originally adopted under a volume submitter arrangement offered by or in conjunction with its third party service provider. Effective on or about January 1, 2003, Target changed third party service providers and subsequent required plan amendments have been prepared by the successor third party service provider. Target has not obtained an individual determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service concerning the 401(k) plan s tax-qualified status and, as a result of the foregoing events, Target may not be able to rely upon any favorable letter or advisory opinion that may have been issued to the volume submitter practitioner. No Target Company has engaged in a transaction with respect to any Target Benefit Plan that, assuming the taxable period of such transaction expired as of the date hereof, would subject any Target Company to a tax or penalty imposed by either Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 502(i) of ERISA in amounts which are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target or any Target Company.
- (d) No Target Pension Plan has any unfunded current liability, as that term is defined in Section 302(d)(8)(A) of ERISA, based on actuarial assumptions set forth for such plan s most recent actuarial valuation, and the fair market value of the assets of any such plan exceeds the plan s benefit liabilities, as that term is defined in Section 4001(a)(16) of ERISA, when determined under actuarial factors that would apply if the plan terminated in accordance with all applicable legal requirements. Since the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, there has been (i) no Material change in the financial position of any Target Pension Plan, (ii) no change in the actuarial assumptions with respect to any Target Pension Plan, and (iii) no increase in benefits under any Target Pension Plan as a result of plan amendments or changes in applicable Law, which is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target or Materially adversely affect the funding status of any such plan. Neither any Target Pension Plan nor any single-employer plan, within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(15) of ERISA, currently or formerly maintained by any Target Company, or the single-employer plan of any entity

which is considered one employer with Target under Section 4001 of ERISA or Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA (whether or not waived) (an ERISA Affiliate), has an accumulated funding deficiency within the meaning of Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA, which is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target. No Target Company has provided, or is required to provide, security to a Target Pension Plan or to any single-employer plan of an ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Section 401(a)(29) of the Internal Revenue Code. All premiums required to be paid under ERISA Section 4006 have been timely paid by all Target Companies except to the extent any failure to do so would not have a Materially Adverse Effect on Target.

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- (e) Within the six-year period preceding the Effective Time, no Liability under Subtitle C or D of Title IV of ERISA has been or is expected to be incurred by any Target Company with respect to any ongoing, frozen or terminated single-employer plan or the single-employer plan of any ERISA Affiliate, which Liability is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target. Except as Previously Disclosed, no Target Company has incurred any withdrawal Liability with respect to a multi-employer plan under Subtitle B of Title IV of ERISA (regardless of whether based on contributions of an ERISA Affiliate), which Liability is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target. No notice of a reportable event, within the meaning of Section 4043 of ERISA for which the 30-day reporting requirement has not been waived, has been required to be filed for any Target Pension Plan or by any ERISA Affiliate within the 12-month period ending on the date hereof.
- (f) Except as required under Title I, Part 6 of ERISA and Internal Revenue Code Section 4980B, no Target Company has any obligations for retiree health and life benefits under any of the Target Benefit Plans and there are no restrictions on the rights of such Target Company to amend or terminate any such Plan without incurring any Liability thereunder, which Liability is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (g) Except as Previously Disclosed, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will (i) result in any payment (including severance, unemployment compensation, golden parachute or otherwise) becoming due to any director or any employee of any Target Company from any Target Company under any Target Benefit Plan or otherwise, (ii) increase any benefits otherwise payable under any Target Benefit Plan, or (iii) result in any acceleration of the time of payment or vesting of any such benefit, where such payment, increase or acceleration is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Target.
- (h) The actuarial present values of all accrued deferred compensation entitlements (including entitlements under any executive compensation, supplemental retirement or employment agreement) of employees and former employees of any Target Company and its beneficiaries, other than entitlements accrued pursuant to funded retirement plans subject to the provisions of Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA, have been fully reflected on the Target Financial Statements to the extent required by and in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 4.15 Material Contracts. Except as Previously Disclosed or otherwise reflected in the Target Financial Statements, none of the Target Companies, nor any of their respective Assets, businesses or operations, is a party to, or is bound or affected by, or receives benefits under, (a) any employment, severance, termination, consulting or retirement Contract providing for aggregate payments to any Person in any calendar year in excess of \$25,000, (b) any Contract relating to the borrowing of money by any Target Company or the guarantee by any Target Company of any such obligation (other than Contracts evidencing deposit liabilities, purchases of federal funds, fully secured repurchase agreements, trade payables and Contracts relating to borrowings or guarantees made in the ordinary course of business), and (c) any other Contract or amendment thereto that would be required to be filed as an exhibit to any report filed by Target with any Regulatory Authority as of the date of this Agreement that has not been filed by Target with any Regulatory Authority as an exhibit to any report filed by Target for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 (together with all Contracts referred to in Sections 4.10 and 4.14(a) of this Agreement, the Target Contracts). With respect to each Target Contract, (i) the Contract is in full force and effect, (ii) no Target

Company is in Default thereunder other than Defaults which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on the Target Companies, (iii) no Target Company has repudiated or waived any Material provision of any such Contract, and (iv) no other party to any such Contract is, to the Knowledge of the Target Companies, in Default in any respect, other than Defaults which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on the Target Companies, or has repudiated or waived any Material provision thereunder. Except as Previously Disclosed, all of the indebtedness of the Target Companies for money borrowed is prepayable at any time by the Target Companies without penalty or premium.

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SECTION 4.16 Legal Proceedings. Except as Previously Disclosed, there is no Litigation instituted or pending or, to the Knowledge of Target, threatened (or unasserted but considered probable of assertion and which, if asserted, would have at least a reasonable probability of an unfavorable outcome) against any Target Company, or against any Asset, interest or right of any of them, that is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target, nor are there any Orders of any Regulatory Authorities, other governmental authorities or arbitrators outstanding against any Target Company, that are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

SECTION 4.17 *Reports*. Except as Previously Disclosed, since January 1, 2004, each Target Company has timely filed all reports, registrations and statements, together with any amendments required to be made with respect thereto, that it was required to file with any Regulatory Authority and has paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith, except where the failure to file such report, registration or statement or to pay any such fee or assessment is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target. Except as Previously Disclosed, as of their respective dates, each of such reports, registrations and statements (as amended, in the case of any report, registration or statement that has been amended in accordance with applicable Law), including the financial statements, exhibits, and schedules thereto, complied in all Material respects with all applicable Laws. Except as Previously Disclosed, as of their respective dates, none of such reports, registrations or statements contained any untrue statement of a Material fact or omitted to state a Material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

SECTION 4.18 Statements True and Correct. No statement, certificate, instrument or other writing furnished or to be furnished by any Target Company or any Affiliate thereof to Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement or any other document, agreement or instrument referred to herein contains or will contain any untrue statement of Material fact or will omit to state a Material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by any Target Company or any Affiliate thereof for inclusion in the Registration Statement to be filed by Purchaser with the SEC, will, when the Registration Statement becomes effective, be false or misleading with respect to any Material fact, or omit to state any Material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by any Target Company or any Affiliate thereof for inclusion in the Proxy Statement to be mailed to the Target shareholders in connection with the Shareholders Meeting, and any other documents to be filed by any Target Company or any Affiliate thereof with the SEC or any other Regulatory Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, will, at the respective time such documents are filed, and with respect to the Proxy Statement, when first mailed to the shareholders of Target, be false or misleading with respect to any Material fact, or omit to state any Material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or, in the case of the Proxy Statement or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, at the time of the Shareholders Meeting, be false or misleading with respect to any Material fact, or omit to state any Material fact necessary to correct any statement in any earlier communication with respect to the solicitation of any proxy for the Shareholders Meeting. All documents that any Target Company or any Affiliate thereof is responsible for filing with any Regulatory Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby will comply as to

form in all Material respects with the provisions of applicable Law.

SECTION 4.19 Tax and Regulatory Matters. Except as Previously Disclosed, no Target Company or any Affiliate thereof has taken any action, or has any Knowledge of any fact or circumstance that is reasonably likely, to (a) prevent the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Company Merger, from qualifying as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) Materially impede or delay receipt of any Consents of Regulatory Authorities referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement or result in the imposition of a condition or restriction of the type referred to in the second sentence of such Section. To the Knowledge of Target, there exists no fact, circumstance, or reason why the requisite Consents referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement cannot be received in a timely manner without the imposition of any condition or restriction of the type described in the second sentence of such Section 8.1(b).

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SECTION 4.20 Intellectual Property.

- (a) Target has Previously Disclosed to Purchaser all patents, trademarks, trade names, trade secrets, copyrights, processes, service marks, royalty rights or design rights owned, used or licensed (as licensor or licensee) by Target Companies in the operation of their respective businesses and all applications therefor and registrations thereof, whether foreign or domestic, owned or controlled by Target Companies (the Intellectual Property), and, in the case of any such rights that are so owned, the jurisdiction in which such rights or applications have been registered, filed or issued, and, in the case of any such rights that are not so owned, the agreements under which such rights arise. Each of the Target Companies has taken all action necessary to keep the Intellectual Property owned by it in full force and effect, including filing all necessary affidavits and other documents and utilizing such property in interstate commerce. Each of the Target Companies is the sole and exclusive owner of the Intellectual Property which has been Previously Disclosed as being owned by it, with the sole and exclusive right, except to the extent indicated therein, to use and license such property. No claim has been asserted or, to Target s Knowledge, threatened seeking cancellation or concurrent use of any registered trademark, trade name or service mark owned, used or licensed by any of the Target Companies.
- (b) There are no claims, demands or suits pending or, to Target s Knowledge, threatened against any of the Target Companies claiming an infringement by any of the Target Companies of any patents, copyrights, processes, licenses, trademarks, service marks or trade names of others in connection with its business; none of the Intellectual Property or, as the case may be, the rights granted to any of the Target Companies in respect thereof, infringes on the rights of any Person or is being infringed upon by any Person; and none of the Intellectual Property is subject to any outstanding order, decree, judgment, stipulation, injunction, restriction or agreement restricting the scope of its use by any of the Target Companies.

SECTION 4.21 *Charter Provisions*. Each Target Company has taken all action so that the entering into of this Agreement and the consummation of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement do not and will not result in the grant of any rights to any Person under its Articles of Incorporation or Association or its By-Laws or other governing instruments (other than, with respect to Target, voting, dissenters rights of appraisal or other similar rights) or restrict or impair the ability of Purchaser to vote, or otherwise to exercise the rights of a shareholder with respect to, shares of any Target Company that may be acquired or controlled by it.

SECTION 4.22 *State Takeover Laws.* Target has taken all necessary action to exempt the transactions contemplated by this Agreement from any applicable moratorium, control share, fair price, business combination or other state takeover Law.

SECTION 4.23 *Derivatives*. All interest rate swaps, caps, floors, option agreements, futures and forward contracts and other similar risk management arrangements, whether entered into for Target s own account, or for the account of either Target Bank or its customers, were entered into (i) in accordance with prudent business practices and all applicable Laws and (ii) with counterparties believed to be financially responsible.

SECTION 4.24 *Community Reinvestment Act*. Each Target Bank has complied in all Material respects with the provisions of the Community

Reinvestment Act (CRA) and the rules and regulations thereunder, has a CRA rating of not less than satisfactory, has received no Material criticism from regulators with respect to discriminatory lending practices, and has no Knowledge of any conditions or circumstances that are likely to result in a CRA rating of less than satisfactory or Material criticism from regulators with respect to discriminatory lending practices.

SECTION 4.25 Privacy of Customer Information.

(a) Each Target Bank is the sole owner of all individually identifiable personal information (IIPI) relating to its customers, former customers and prospective customers that will be transferred to Purchaser Companies pursuant to this Agreement and the other transactions contemplated hereby. For purposes of this Section 4.25, IIPI means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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(b) The collection and use of such IIPI by each Target Bank and the transfer of such IIPI to Purchaser Companies complies with all applicable privacy policies, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and all other applicable state, federal and foreign privacy Law.

SECTION 4.26 Technology Systems.

- (a) Except as Previously Disclosed, no action will be necessary as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to enable the electronic data processing, information, record keeping, communications, telecommunications, hardware, third party software, networks, peripherals, portfolio trading and computer systems, including any outsourced systems and processes, and Intellectual Property that are used by the Target Companies (collectively, the Technology Systems) to continue to be used by the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to the same extent and in the same manner that such Technology Systems have been used by the Target Companies prior to the Effective Time.
- (b) The Technology Systems (for a period of eighteen (18) months prior to the Effective Time) have not suffered unplanned disruption causing a Material Adverse Effect on the business of any of the Target Companies. Except for ongoing payments due under relevant third party agreements, the Technology Systems are free from any Liens. Except as Previously Disclosed, access to business critical parts of the Technology Systems is not shared with any third party.
- (c) None of the Target Companies has received notice of or is aware of any Material circumstances, including the execution of this Agreement, that would enable any third party to terminate any of its agreements or arrangements relating to the Technology Systems (including maintenance and support).
- **SECTION 4.27** *Opinion of Financial Advisor*. Target has received the opinion of Howe Barnes Investments, Inc. dated the date of this Agreement, to the effect that the consideration to be received by the holders of Target Common Stock pursuant hereto is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders, a signed copy of which has been delivered to Purchaser.

SECTION 4.28 *Board Recommendation.* The Board of Directors of Target, at a meeting duly called and held, has (i) determined that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Mergers, taken together, are fair to and in the best interests of Target s shareholders and (ii) resolved to recommend that the holders of the shares of Target Common Stock approve this Agreement and the Company Merger.

ARTICLE 5.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PURCHASER

Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to Target and Target Bank as follows:

SECTION 5.1 *Organization, Standing and Power*. Each of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank is a corporation duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Georgia, and Purchaser is duly registered as a bank holding company under the BHC Act. Each of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank has the corporate power and authority to carry on its

business as now conducted and to own, lease and operate its Assets. Each of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank is duly qualified or licensed to transact business as a foreign corporation in good standing in the States of the United States and foreign jurisdictions where the character of its Assets or the nature or conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified or licensed, except for such jurisdictions in which the failure to be so qualified or licensed is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

SECTION 5.2 Authority; No Breach.

(a) Each of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank has the corporate power and authority necessary to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Bank Merger Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement

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and the Bank Merger Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein, including the Mergers, have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action in respect thereof on the part of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank. This Agreement and the Bank Merger Agreement represent legal, valid and binding obligations of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank, as the case may be, enforceable against them in accordance with their respective terms (except in all cases as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar Laws affecting the enforcement of creditors—rights generally and except that the availability of the equitable remedy of specific performance or injunctive relief is subject to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding may be brought).

- (b) With respect to each of Purchaser and Purchaser Bank, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Bank Merger Agreement, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, nor compliance with any of the provisions hereof or thereof, will (i) conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of its Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws, or (ii) constitute or result in a Default or loss of benefit under, or require any Consent pursuant to, or result in the creation of any Lien on any Asset of any Purchaser Company under, any Contract or Permit of any Purchaser Company, where such Default or Lien, or any failure to obtain such Consent, is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, or (iii) subject to receipt of the requisite approvals referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement, violate any Law or Order applicable to any Purchaser Company or any of its Assets.
- (c) Other than in connection or compliance with the provisions of the Securities Laws, applicable state corporate Laws and rules of the NASD, and other than Consents required from Regulatory Authorities, and other than notices to or filings with the IRS or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation with respect to any employee benefit plans, and other than Consents, filings or notifications which, if not obtained or made, are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, no notice to, filing with, or Consent of, any public body or authority is necessary for the consummation by Purchaser or Purchaser Bank of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated in this Agreement.

SECTION 5.3 Capital Stock.

(a) The authorized capital stock of Purchaser consists of (i) 30,000,000 shares of Purchaser Common Stock, of which 13,033,445 shares were issued and outstanding as of July 31, 2006, and (ii) 5,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, none of which are issued or outstanding as of the date of this Agreement. All of the issued and outstanding shares of Purchaser Common Stock and all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Purchaser Bank are, and all of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued in exchange for shares of Target Common Stock upon consummation of the Company Merger, when issued in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be, duly and validly issued and outstanding and fully paid and nonassessable under the GBCC. None of the outstanding shares of Purchaser Common Stock has been, and none of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued in exchange for shares of Target Common Stock upon consummation of the Company Merger will be, issued in violation of any preemptive rights of the current or past shareholders of Purchaser. Options to purchase 502,088 shares of Purchaser Common Stock under the Purchaser Stock Plans were outstanding as of July 31, 2006. Purchaser owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Purchaser Bank free and clear of all Liens.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 5.3(a) of this Agreement or as Previously Disclosed, there are no shares of capital stock or other equity securities of Purchaser outstanding and no outstanding options, warrants, scrip, rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities or rights convertible into or exchangeable for, shares of the capital stock of Purchaser or contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which Purchaser is or may be bound to issue additional shares of its capital stock or options, warrants or rights to purchase or acquire any additional shares of its capital stock.

SECTION 5.4 *Purchaser Subsidiaries*. The Purchaser Subsidiaries are as set forth in Purchaser s SEC Documents. Purchaser owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of each Purchaser Subsidiary. No equity securities of any Purchaser Subsidiary are or may become required to be issued (other than to a Purchaser Company) by reason of any options, warrants, scrip, rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments

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of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities or rights convertible into or exchangeable for, shares of the capital stock of any such Subsidiary, and there are no Contracts by which any Purchaser Subsidiary is bound to issue (other than to a Purchaser Company) additional shares of its capital stock or options, warrants or rights to purchase or acquire any additional shares of its capital stock or by which any Purchaser Company is or may be bound to transfer any shares of the capital stock of any Purchaser Subsidiary (other than to a Purchaser Company). There are no Contracts relating to the rights of any Purchaser Company to vote or to dispose of any shares of the capital stock of any Purchaser Subsidiary. All of the shares of capital stock of each Purchaser Subsidiary held by a Purchaser Company are fully paid and nonassessable under the applicable corporation Law of the jurisdiction in which such Subsidiary is incorporated or organized and are owned by the Purchaser Company free and clear of any Lien. Each Purchaser Subsidiary is either a bank or a corporation, and is duly organized, validly existing, and (as to corporations) in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated or organized, and has the corporate power and authority necessary for it to own, lease and operate its Assets and to carry on its business as now conducted. Each Purchaser Subsidiary is duly qualified or licensed to transact business as a foreign corporation in good standing in the States of the United States and foreign jurisdictions where the character of its Assets or the nature or conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified or licensed, except for such jurisdictions in which the failure to be so qualified or licensed is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. Each Purchaser Subsidiary that is a depository institution is an insured institution as defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and applicable regulations thereunder.

SECTION 5.5 Financial Statements.

(a) Purchaser has timely filed all Purchaser Financial Statements with the SEC, and Purchaser will deliver to Target copies of all financial statements, audited and unaudited, of Purchaser prepared subsequent to the date hereof. The Purchaser Financial Statements (as of the dates thereof and for the periods covered thereby) (a) are or, if dated after the date of this Agreement, will be in accordance with the books and records of the Purchaser Companies, which are or will be, as the case may be, complete and correct and which have been or will have been, as the case may be, maintained in accordance with good business practices, and (b) present or will present, as the case may be, fairly the consolidated financial position of the Purchaser Companies as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations, changes in shareholders equity, and cash flows of the Purchaser Companies for the periods indicated, in accordance with GAAP (subject to exceptions as to consistency specified therein or as may be indicated in the notes thereto or, in the case of interim financial statements, to normal recurring year-end adjustments that are not Material). To the Knowledge of Purchaser, (i) the Purchaser Financial Statements do not contain any untrue statement of a Material fact or omit to state a Material fact necessary to make the Purchaser Financial Statements not misleading with respect to the periods covered by them; and (ii) the Purchaser Financial Statements fairly present, in all Material respects, the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Purchaser as of and for the periods covered by them.

(b) Purchaser s external auditor is and has been throughout the periods covered by the Purchaser Financial Statements (i) independent with respect to Purchaser within the meaning of Regulation S-X under the 1933 Act and (ii) in compliance with subsections (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the 1934 Act and the related rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting

Oversight Board. Except as Previously Disclosed, Purchaser s auditors have not performed any non-audit services for Purchaser since January 1, 2004.

SECTION 5.6 Absence of Undisclosed Liabilities. No Purchaser Company has any Liabilities that are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, except Liabilities which are accrued or reserved against in the consolidated balance sheets of Purchaser as of June 30, 2006 included in the Purchaser Financial Statements or reflected in the notes thereto. No Purchaser Company has incurred or paid any Liability since June 30, 2006, except for such Liabilities incurred or paid in the ordinary course of business consistent with past business practice and which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

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SECTION 5.7 Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Except as Previously Disclosed, since June 30, 2006, (a) there have been no events, changes or occurrences which have had, or are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, (b) the Purchaser Companies have not taken any action, or failed to take any action, prior to the date of this Agreement, which action or failure, if taken after the date of this Agreement, would represent or result in a Material breach or violation of any of the covenants and agreements of Purchaser provided in Article 7 of this Agreement, and (c) each Purchaser Company has conducted its business in the ordinary and usual course (excluding the incurrence of expenses in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby).

SECTION 5.8 Tax Matters.

- (a) All Tax returns required to be filed by or on behalf of any of the Purchaser Companies have been timely filed or requests for extensions have been timely filed, granted and have not expired for periods ended on or before June 30, 2006, and on or before the date of the most recent fiscal year end immediately preceding the Effective Time, except to the extent that all such failures to file, taken together, are not reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, and all returns filed are complete and accurate to the Knowledge of Purchaser. All Taxes shown on filed returns have been paid. As of the date of this Agreement, there is no audit examination, deficiency or refund Litigation with respect to any Taxes that is reasonably likely to result in a determination that would have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, except as reserved against in the Purchaser Financial Statements delivered prior to the date of this Agreement. All Taxes and other Liabilities due with respect to completed and settled examinations or concluded Litigation have been paid.
- (b) None of the Purchaser Companies has executed an extension or waiver of any statute of limitations on the assessment or collection of any Tax due that is currently in effect, and no unpaid tax deficiency has been asserted in writing against or with respect to any Purchaser Company, which deficiency is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (c) Adequate provision for any Taxes due or to become due for any of the Purchaser Companies for the period or periods through and including the date of the respective Purchaser Financial Statements has been made and is reflected on such Purchaser Financial Statements.
- (d) Deferred Taxes of the Purchaser Companies have been provided for in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 5.9 Purchaser Allowance for Possible Loan Losses. The allowance for possible loan or credit losses (the Purchaser Allowance) shown on the consolidated balance sheets of Purchaser included in the most recent Purchaser Financial Statements dated prior to the date of this Agreement was, and the Purchaser Allowance shown on the consolidated balance sheets of Purchaser included in the financial statements of Purchaser as of dates subsequent to the execution of this Agreement will be, as of the dates thereof, adequate (within the meaning of GAAP and applicable regulatory requirements or guidelines) to provide for losses relating to or inherent in the loan and lease portfolios (including accrued interest receivables) of the Purchaser Companies and other extensions of credit (including letters of credit and commitments to make loans or extend credit) by the Purchaser Companies as of the dates

thereof, except where the failure of such Purchaser Allowance to be so adequate is not reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

SECTION 5.10 Assets. Except as Previously Disclosed or as disclosed or reserved against in the Purchaser Financial Statements, the Purchaser Companies have good and marketable title, free and clear of all Liens, to all of their respective Assets. All Material tangible properties used in the businesses of the Purchaser Companies are in good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and are usable in the ordinary course of business consistent with Purchaser s past practices. All Assets which are Material to Purchaser s business on a consolidated basis, held under leases or subleases by any of the Purchaser Companies, are held under valid Contracts enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other Laws affecting the enforcement of creditors rights generally

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and except that the availability of the equitable remedy of specific performance or injunctive relief is subject to the discretion of the court before which any proceedings may be brought), and each such Contract is in full force and effect. The policies of fire, theft, liability and other insurance maintained with respect to the Assets or businesses of the Purchaser Companies provide adequate coverage under current industry practices against loss or Liability, and the fidelity and blanket bonds in effect as to which any of the Purchaser Companies is a named insured are reasonably sufficient. No Purchaser Company has received notice from any insurance carrier that (i) such insurance will be cancelled or that coverage thereunder will be reduced or eliminated or (ii) premium costs with respect to such policies of insurance will be substantially increased. The Assets of the Purchaser Companies include all assets required to operate the businesses of the Purchaser Companies as presently conducted.

SECTION 5.11 Environmental Matters.

- (a) Each Purchaser Company, its Participation Facilities and, to the Knowledge of such Purchaser Company, its Loan Properties are, and have been, in compliance with all Environmental Laws, except for violations which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (b) There is no Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Purchaser, threatened before any court, governmental agency or authority or other forum in which any Purchaser Company or any of its Participation Facilities has been or, with respect to threatened Litigation, may be named as a defendant (i) for alleged noncompliance (including by any predecessor) with any Environmental Law or (ii) relating to the release into the environment of any Hazardous Material or oil, whether or not occurring at, on, under or involving a site owned, leased or operated by any Purchaser Company or any of its Participation Facilities, except for such Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Purchaser, threatened that is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (c) There is no Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Purchaser, threatened before any court, governmental agency or board or other forum in which any of its Loan Properties (or any Purchaser Company in respect of such Loan Property) has been or, with respect to threatened Litigation, may be named as a defendant or potentially responsible party (i) for alleged noncompliance (including by any predecessor), with any Environmental Law or (ii) relating to the release into the environment of any Hazardous Material or oil, whether or not occurring at, on, under or involving a Loan Property, except for such Litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of Purchaser, threatened that is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (d) To the Knowledge of Purchaser, there is no reasonable basis for any Litigation of a type described in subsections (b) or (c) above, except such as is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (e) To the Knowledge of Purchaser, during the period of (i) any Purchaser Company s ownership or operation of any Loan Property, (ii) any Purchaser Company s participation in the management of any Participation Facility, or (iii) any Purchaser Company s holding of a security interest in a Loan Property, there has been no release of Hazardous Material or oil in, on, under or affecting

such property, Participation Facility or Loan Property, the release or presence of which could reasonably be expected to result in any reporting, clean up or remedial obligation pursuant to any Environmental Law, except such as are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

(f) Prior to the period of (i) any Purchaser Company s ownership or operation of any Loan Property, (ii) any Purchaser Company s participation in the management of any Participation Facility, or (iii) any Purchaser Company s holding of a security interest in a Loan Property, to the Knowledge of Purchaser, there has been no release of any Hazardous Material or oil in, on, under or affecting any such Participation Facility or Loan Property, the release or presence of which could reasonably be expected to result in any reporting, clean up or remedial obligation pursuant to any Environmental Law, except such as are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

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SECTION 5.12 Compliance with Laws.

- (a) Each Purchaser Company has in effect all Permits necessary for it to own, lease or operate its Assets and to carry on its business as now conducted, except for those Permits the absence of which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, and there has occurred no Default under any such Permit, other than Defaults which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (b) Except as Previously Disclosed, no Purchaser Company:
- (i) is in violation of any Laws, Orders or Permits applicable to its business or employees conducting its business, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the USA Patriot Act of 2001, except for violations which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser; and
- (iii) has received any notification or communication from any agency or department of federal, state or local government or any Regulatory Authority or the staff thereof (A) asserting that any Purchaser Company is not in compliance with any of the Laws or Orders which such governmental authority or Regulatory Authority enforces, where such noncompliance is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, (B) threatening to revoke any Permits, the revocation of which is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, or (C) requiring any Purchaser Company to enter into or consent to the issuance of a cease and desist order, formal agreement, directive, commitment or memorandum of understanding, or to adopt any Board resolution or similar undertaking, which restricts Materially the conduct of its business, or in any manner relates to its capital adequacy, its credit or reserve policies, its management, or the payment of dividends.
- (c) Except as is not reasonably likely to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, each Purchaser Company has properly administered all accounts for which it acts as a fiduciary, including accounts for which it serves as a trustee, agent, custodian, personal representative, guardian, conservator or investment advisor, in accordance with the terms of the governing documents thereof and all applicable Law. No Purchaser Company, or any director, officer or employee of any Purchaser Company, has committed any breach of trust or fiduciary duty with respect to any such fiduciary account that is reasonably likely to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, and, except as would not be reasonably likely to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, the accountings for each such fiduciary account are true and correct and accurately reflect the assets of such fiduciary account.
- (d) The records, systems, controls, data and information of Purchaser and the Purchaser Subsidiaries are recorded, stored, maintained and operated under means (including any electronic, mechanical or photographic process, whether computerized or not) that are under the exclusive ownership and direct control of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries or accountants (including all means of access thereto and therefrom), except for any non-exclusive ownership and non-direct control that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the system of internal accounting controls described in the immediately following sentence. Purchaser and the Purchaser Subsidiaries

have devised and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Purchaser (i) has designed disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that Material information relating to Purchaser, including the Purchaser Subsidiaries, is made known to the management of Purchaser by others within those entities and (ii) has disclosed, based on its most recent evaluation prior to the date hereof, to Purchaser s auditors and the audit committee of its Board of Directors (A) any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls which are reasonably likely to adversely affect in any Material respect its ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and (B) any fraud, whether or not Material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in its internal controls. Purchaser has made available to Target a summary of any such disclosure made by management to Purchaser s auditors and audit committee since January 1, 2004.

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SECTION 5.13 Labor Relations. No Purchaser Company is the subject of any Litigation asserting that it or any other Purchaser Company has committed an unfair labor practice (within the meaning of the National Labor Relations Act or comparable state Law) or seeking to compel it or any other Purchaser Company to bargain with any labor organization as to wages or conditions of employment, nor is there any strike or other labor dispute involving any Purchaser Company, pending or, to its Knowledge, threatened, nor, to its Knowledge, is there any activity involving any Purchaser Company s employees seeking to certify a collective bargaining unit or engaging in any other organization activity.

SECTION 5.14 Employee Benefit Plans.

- (a) For purposes of this Agreement, Purchaser Benefit Plans means all pension, retirement, profit-sharing, deferred compensation, stock option, employee stock ownership, severance pay, vacation, bonus or other incentive plans, all other written employee programs, arrangements or agreements, all medical, vision, dental or other health plans, all life insurance plans, and all other employee benefit plans or fringe benefit plans, including employee benefit plans, as that term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA, currently adopted, maintained by, sponsored in whole or in part by, or contributed to by any Purchaser Company or Affiliate thereof for the benefit of employees, retirees, dependents, spouses, directors, independent contractors or other beneficiaries and under which employees, retirees, dependents, spouses, directors, independent contractors or other beneficiaries are eligible to participate. Any of the Purchaser Benefit Plans which is an employee pension benefit plan, as that term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, is referred to herein as a Purchaser ERISA Plan. Each Purchaser ERISA Plan which is also a defined benefit plan (as defined in Section 414(j)) of the Internal Revenue Code) is referred to herein as a Purchaser Pension Plan. No Purchaser Pension Plan is or has been a multi-employer plan within the meaning of Section 3(37) of ERISA. The Purchaser Companies do not participate in either a multi-employer plan or a multiple employer plan.
- (b) All Purchaser Benefit Plans are in compliance with the applicable terms of ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code and any other applicable Laws, the breach or violation of which are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. Each Purchaser Benefit Plan which is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code has received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or may rely upon an opinion issued by the IRS to a prototype sponsor, and neither Purchaser nor any Purchaser Company is aware of any circumstances reasonably likely to result in revocation of any such favorable determination letter or failure of any Purchaser Benefit Plan intended to satisfy Internal Revenue Code Section 401 to satisfy the Tax qualification provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable thereto. No Purchaser Company has engaged in a transaction with respect to any Purchaser Benefit Plan that, assuming the taxable period of such transaction expired as of the date hereof, would subject any Purchaser Company to a tax or penalty imposed by either Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 502(i) of ERISA in amounts which are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser or any Purchaser Company.
- (c) No Purchaser Pension Plan has any unfunded current liability, as that term is defined in Section 302(d)(8)(A) of ERISA, based on actuarial assumptions set forth for such plan s most recent actuarial valuation, and the fair market value of the assets of any such plan exceeds the plan s benefit liabilities, as that term is defined in Section 4001(a)(16) of ERISA, when determined under

actuarial factors that would apply if the plan terminated in accordance with all applicable legal requirements. Since the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, there has been (i) no Material change in the financial position of any Purchaser Pension Plan, (ii) no change in the actuarial assumptions with respect to any Purchaser Pension Plan, and (iii) no increase in benefits under any Purchaser Pension Plan as a result of plan amendments or changes in applicable Law, which is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser or Materially adversely affect the funding status of any such plan. Neither any Purchaser Pension Plan nor any single-employer plan, within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(15) of ERISA, currently or formerly maintained by any Purchaser Company, or the single-employer plan of any ERISA Affiliate, has an accumulated funding deficiency within the meaning of Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA, which is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. No Purchaser Company has provided, or is

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required to provide, security to a Purchaser Pension Plan or to any single-employer plan of an ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Section 401(a)(29) of the Internal Revenue Code. All premiums required to be paid under ERISA Section 4006 have been timely paid by all Purchaser Companies except to the extent any failure to do so would not have a Materially Adverse Effect on Purchaser

- (d) Within the six-year period preceding the Effective Time, no Liability under Subtitle C or D of Title IV of ERISA has been or is expected to be incurred by any Purchaser Company with respect to any ongoing, frozen or terminated single-employer plan or the single-employer plan of any ERISA Affiliate, which Liability is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. Except as Previously Disclosed, no Purchaser Company has incurred any withdrawal Liability with respect to a multi-employer plan under Subtitle B of Title IV of ERISA (regardless of whether based on contributions of an ERISA Affiliate), which Liability is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. No notice of a reportable event, within the meaning of Section 4043 of ERISA for which the 30-day reporting requirement has not been waived, has been required to be filed for any Purchaser Pension Plan or by any ERISA Affiliate within the 12-month period ending on the date hereof.
- (e) Except as required under Title I, Part 6 of ERISA and Internal Revenue Code Section 4980B, no Purchaser Company has any obligations for retiree health and life benefits under any of the Purchaser Benefit Plans and there are no restrictions on the rights of such Purchaser Company to amend or terminate any such Plan without incurring any Liability thereunder, which Liability is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (f) Except as Previously Disclosed, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will (i) result in any payment (including severance, unemployment compensation, golden parachute or otherwise) becoming due to any director or any employee of any Purchaser Company from any Purchaser Company under any Purchaser Benefit Plan or otherwise, (ii) increase any benefits otherwise payable under any Purchaser Benefit Plan, or (iii) result in any acceleration of the time of payment or vesting of any such benefit, where such payment, increase or acceleration is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (g) The actuarial present values of all accrued deferred compensation entitlements (including entitlements under any executive compensation, supplemental retirement or employment agreement) of employees and former employees of any Purchaser Company and its beneficiaries, other than entitlements accrued pursuant to funded retirement plans subject to the provisions of Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA, have been fully reflected on the Purchaser Financial Statements to the extent required by and in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 5.15 *Legal Proceedings*. Except as Previously Disclosed, there is no Litigation instituted or pending or, to the Knowledge of Purchaser, threatened (or unasserted but considered probable of assertion and which if asserted would have at least a reasonable probability of an unfavorable outcome) against any Purchaser Company, or against any Asset, interest, or right of any of them, that is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, nor are there any Orders of any Regulatory Authorities, other governmental authorities, or arbitrators

outstanding against any Purchaser Company, that are reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

SECTION 5.16 *Reports.* Except as Previously Disclosed, since January 1, 2004, each Purchaser Company has timely filed all reports, registrations and statements, together with any amendments required to be made with respect thereto, that it was required to file with the SEC, other Regulatory Authorities, and any applicable state securities or banking authorities and has paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith, except where the failure to so file such report, registration or statement or to pay any such fee or assessment is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. As of their respective dates, each of such reports, registrations and statements, including the financial statements,

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exhibits, and schedules thereto, complied in all Material respects with all applicable Laws. As of their respective dates, none of such reports, registrations or statements contained any untrue statement of a Material fact or omitted to state a Material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

SECTION 5.17 Statements True and Correct. No statement, certificate, instrument or other writing furnished or to be furnished by any Purchaser Company or any Affiliate thereof to Target pursuant to this Agreement or any other document, agreement or instrument referred to herein contains or will contain any untrue statement of Material fact or will omit to state a Material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by any Purchaser Company or any Affiliate thereof for inclusion in the Registration Statement to be filed by Purchaser with the SEC, will, when the Registration Statement becomes effective, be false or misleading with respect to any Material fact, or omit to state any Material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by any Purchaser Company or any Affiliate thereof for inclusion in the Proxy Statement to be mailed to Target s shareholders in connection with the Shareholders Meeting, and any other documents to be filed by any Purchaser Company or any Affiliate thereof with the SEC or any other Regulatory Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, will, at the respective time such documents are filed, and with respect to the Proxy Statement, when first mailed to the shareholders of Target, be false or misleading with respect to any Material fact, or omit to state any Material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or, in the case of the Proxy Statement or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, at the time of the Shareholders Meeting, be false or misleading with respect to any Material fact, or omit to state any Material fact necessary to correct any statement in any earlier communication with respect to the solicitation of any proxy for the Shareholders Meeting. All documents that any Purchaser Company or any Affiliate thereof is responsible for filing with any Regulatory Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby will comply as to form in all Material respects with the provisions of applicable Law.

SECTION 5.18 Tax and Regulatory Matters. No Purchaser Company or any Affiliate thereof has taken any action, or has any Knowledge of any fact or circumstance that is reasonably likely, to (a) prevent the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Company Merger, from qualifying as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) Materially impede or delay receipt of any Consents of Regulatory Authorities referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement or result in the imposition of a condition or restriction of the type referred to in the second sentence of such Section. To the Knowledge of Purchaser, there exists no fact, circumstance or reason why the requisite Consents referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement cannot be received in a timely manner without the imposition of any condition or restriction of the type described in the second sentence of such Section 8.1(b).

SECTION 5.19 *Charter Provisions*. Each Purchaser Company has taken all action so that the entering into of this Agreement and the consummation of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement do not and will not result in the grant of any rights to any Person under its Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws or other governing instruments or restrict or impair the ability of any Target shareholder to vote, or otherwise to exercise the rights

of a shareholder with respect to, shares of Purchaser Common Stock that may be acquired or controlled by such shareholder.

SECTION 5.20 *Community Reinvestment Act.* Purchaser has complied in all Material respects with the provisions of the CRA and the rules and regulations thereunder, has a CRA rating of not less than satisfactory, and has received no Material criticism from regulators with respect to discriminatory lending practices, and has no Knowledge of any conditions or circumstances that are likely to result in CRA ratings of less than satisfactory or Material criticism from regulators with respect to discriminatory lending practices.

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ARTICLE 6.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS PENDING CONSUMMATION

SECTION 6.1 Affirmative Covenants of Target. Unless the prior written consent of Purchaser shall have been obtained, and except as otherwise contemplated herein, Target shall and shall cause Target Bank to: (a) operate its business in the usual, regular, and ordinary course; (b) preserve intact its business organization and Assets and maintain its rights and franchises; (c) use its reasonable efforts to cause its representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement to be correct at all times; and (d) take no action which would (i) adversely affect the ability of any Party to obtain any Consents required for the transactions contemplated hereby without imposition of a condition or restriction of the type referred to in the second sentence of Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement or (ii) adversely affect in any Material respect the ability of either Party to perform its covenants and agreements under this Agreement.

SECTION 6.2 *Negative Covenants of Target*. From the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the Effective Time or the termination of this Agreement, Target covenants and agrees that it will not do or agree or commit to do, or permit any of its Subsidiaries to do or agree or commit to do, any of the following without the prior written consent of the chief executive officer or chief financial officer of Purchaser, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed:

- (a) amend the Articles of Incorporation or Association, By-Laws or other governing instruments of any Target Company; or
- (b) incur any additional debt obligation or other obligation for borrowed money (other than indebtedness of a Target Company to another Target Company) (for the Target Companies on a consolidated basis) except in the ordinary course of the business of Target Companies consistent with past practices (which shall include, for Target Subsidiaries that are depository institutions, creation of deposit liabilities, purchases of federal funds, receipt of Federal Home Loan Bank advances, and entry into repurchase agreements fully secured by U.S. government or agency securities), or impose, or suffer the imposition, on any share of stock of any Target Company of any Lien or permit any such Lien to exist; or
- (c) repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or exchange (other than redemptions without the payment of any additional consideration or exchanges in the ordinary course under employee benefit plans or exercises or conversions prior to the Effective Time of Target Options or Target Warrants pursuant to the terms thereof), directly or indirectly, any shares, or any securities convertible into any shares, of the capital stock of any Target Company, or declare or pay any dividend or make any other distribution in respect of Target s capital stock; or
- (d) except for this Agreement or pursuant to another agreement with a Purchaser Company, or pursuant to the exercise of Target Options or Target Warrants outstanding as of the date hereof and pursuant to the terms thereof in existence on the date hereof, or as Previously Disclosed, issue, sell, pledge, encumber, authorize the issuance of or enter into any Contract to issue, sell, pledge, encumber or authorize the issuance of or otherwise permit to become outstanding, any additional shares of Target Common Stock or any other capital stock of any Target Company, or any stock appreciation rights, or any option, warrant, conversion or other right to acquire any such stock, or any

security convertible into any such stock; or

(e) adjust, split, combine or reclassify any capital stock of any Target Company or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of or in substitution for shares of Target Common Stock or sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or otherwise encumber (i) any shares of capital stock of any Target Subsidiary (unless any such shares of stock are sold or otherwise transferred to another Target Company) or (ii) any Asset having a book value in excess of \$50,000 other than in the ordinary course of business for reasonable and adequate consideration; or

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- (f) acquire another business or merge or consolidate with another entity or acquire direct or indirect control over any Person, other than in connection with (i) internal reorganizations or consolidations involving existing Subsidiaries, (ii) foreclosures in the ordinary course of business, or (iii) acquisitions of control by a depository institution Subsidiary in its fiduciary capacity; or
- (g) grant any increase in compensation or benefits to the employees or officers of any Target Company (including such discretionary increases as may be contemplated by existing employment agreements), except in accordance with past practice Previously Disclosed or as required by Law; pay any bonus except to employees in accordance with past practice Previously Disclosed or the provisions of any applicable program or plan adopted by its Board of Directors prior to the date of this Agreement; enter into or amend any severance agreements with officers of any Target Company; or pay any bonus to, or grant any increase in fees or other increases in compensation or other benefits to, directors of any Target Company; or
- (h) enter into or amend any employment Contract between any Target Company and any Person (unless such amendment is required by Law) that the Target Company does not have the unconditional right to terminate without Liability (other than Liability for services already rendered), at any time on or after the Effective Time; or
- (i) adopt any new employee benefit plan of any Target Company or make any Material change in or to any existing employee benefit plans of any Target Company other than any such change that is required by Law or that, in the opinion of counsel, is necessary or advisable to maintain the tax qualified status of any such plan; or
- (j) make any significant change in any Tax or accounting methods or systems of internal accounting controls, except as may be appropriate to conform to changes in regulatory accounting requirements or GAAP; or
- (k) fail to maintain its books, accounts and records in the usual manner on a basis consistent with that heretofore employed; or
- (l) commence any Litigation other than in accordance with past practice, settle any Litigation involving any Liability of any Target Company for money damages in excess of \$25,000 or which involves Material restrictions upon the operations of any Target Company; or
- (m) enter into any new line of banking or nonbanking business in which it is not actively engaged as of the date of this Agreement; or
- (n) (i) charge off (except as may otherwise be required by Law or by regulatory authorities or by GAAP consistently applied) or sell (except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices or as the Board of Directors of the respective Target Company deems necessary to conduct safe and sound banking practices) any of its portfolio of loans, discounts or financing leases, or (ii) sell any asset held as other real estate or other foreclosed assets for an amount Materially less than 100% of its book value; or
- (o) except in the ordinary course of business, modify, amend or terminate any Material Contract or waive, release, compromise or assign any Material rights or claims; or

(p) make any Material election with respect to Taxes; or

(q) except for purchases of U.S. Treasury securities or U.S. Government agency securities, which in either case have maturities of five (5) years or less, (i) purchase any securities or make any Material investment, either by purchase of stock or securities, contributions to capital, Asset transfers or purchase of any assets, in any Person other than any Target Company, or (ii) otherwise acquire direct or indirect control over any Person other than in connection with (A) foreclosures in the ordinary course of business, (B) acquisitions of control by a depository institution Subsidiary in its fiduciary capacity, or (C) the creation of new, wholly-owned Subsidiaries organized to conduct or continue activities otherwise permitted by this Agreement.

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SECTION 6.3 Affirmative Covenants of Purchaser. Unless the prior written consent of Target shall have been obtained, and except as otherwise contemplated herein, Purchaser shall and shall cause each Purchaser Subsidiary to: (a) operate its business in the usual, regular, and ordinary course; (b) preserve intact its business organization and Assets and maintain its rights and franchises; (c) use its reasonable efforts to cause its representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement to be correct at all times; and (d) take no action which would (i) adversely affect the ability of any Party to obtain any Consents required for the transactions contemplated hereby without imposition of a condition or restriction of the type referred to in the second sentence of Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement or (ii) adversely affect in any Material respect the ability of either Party to perform its covenants and agreements under this Agreement.

SECTION 6.4 *Adverse Changes in Condition*. Each Party agrees to give written notice promptly to the other Party upon becoming aware of the occurrence or impending occurrence of any event or circumstance relating to it or any of its Subsidiaries which (i) is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on it or (ii) is reasonably likely to cause or constitute a Material breach of any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained herein, and to use its reasonable efforts to prevent or promptly to remedy the same.

SECTION 6.5 Reporting Requirements. Each Party and its Subsidiaries shall timely file all reports required to be filed by it with Regulatory Authorities between the date of this Agreement and the Effective Time and shall deliver to the other Party copies of all such reports promptly after the same are filed. If financial statements are contained in any such reports filed with the SEC, such financial statements will fairly present the consolidated financial position of the entity filing such statements as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations, changes in shareholders equity and cash flows for the periods then ended in accordance with GAAP (subject in the case of interim financial statements to normal recurring year-end adjustments that are not Material). As of their respective dates, such reports filed with the SEC will comply in all Material respects with the Securities Laws and will not contain any untrue statement of a Material fact or omit to state a Material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Any financial statements contained in any other reports to another Regulatory Authority shall be prepared in accordance with Laws applicable to such reports.

ARTICLE 7.

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

SECTION 7.1 Registration Statement; Proxy Statement; Shareholder Approval. As soon as practicable after execution of this Agreement, Purchaser shall file the Registration Statement with the SEC, and shall use its best efforts to cause the Registration Statement to become effective under the 1933 Act and take any action required to be taken under applicable Securities Laws in connection with the issuance of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock upon consummation of the Company Merger. Target shall furnish all information concerning it and the holders of its capital stock as Purchaser may reasonably request in connection with such action. Target shall call a Shareholders Meeting, to be held as soon as reasonably practicable after the Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC, for the purpose of voting upon

approval of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and such other related matters as it deems appropriate. In connection with the Shareholders Meeting, (a) Purchaser shall prepare and file on Target s behalf a Proxy Statement (which shall be included in the Registration Statement and which shall include an explanation of the restrictions on resale with respect to the shares of Purchaser Common Stock received by the holders of Target Common Stock in the Company Merger) with the SEC and mail it to Target s shareholders, (b) each of the Parties shall furnish to the other all information concerning it that the other Party may reasonably request in connection with such Proxy Statement, (c) the Board of Directors of Target shall unanimously recommend to its shareholders (subject to compliance with their fiduciary duties as advised by counsel) that they approve this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, and (d) the Board of Directors and officers of Target shall use their best efforts to obtain such shareholders approval. Target, as the sole shareholder of Target Bank, shall take all action to effect shareholder approval of the Bank Merger Agreement.

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SECTION 7.2 *Listing.* Purchaser shall use its best efforts to list, prior to the Effective Time, on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued to the holders of Target Common Stock pursuant to the Company Merger.

SECTION 7.3 *Applications*. Purchaser shall promptly prepare and file, and Target shall cooperate in the preparation and, where appropriate, filing of, applications with all Regulatory Authorities having jurisdiction over the transactions contemplated by this Agreement seeking the requisite Consents necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 7.4 *Filings with State Offices.* Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, Purchaser shall execute and file the Georgia Articles of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia in connection with the Closing.

SECTION 7.5 Agreement as to Efforts to Consummate. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each Party agrees to use, and to cause its Subsidiaries to use, its commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Laws, as promptly as practicable so as to permit consummation of the Mergers at the earliest possible date and to otherwise enable consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and shall cooperate fully with the other Party hereto to that end (it being understood that any amendments to the Registration Statement filed by Purchaser in connection with the Purchaser Common Stock to be issued in the Company Merger or a resolicitation of proxies as a consequence of an acquisition agreement by Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries shall not violate this covenant), including using its efforts to lift or rescind any Order adversely affecting its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated herein and to cause to be satisfied the conditions referred to in Article 8 of this Agreement. Each Party shall use, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to use, its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all Consents necessary or desirable for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 7.6 Investigation and Confidentiality.

- (a) Prior to the Effective Time, each Party will keep the other Party advised of all Material developments relevant to its business and to the consummation of the Mergers and shall permit the other Party to make or cause to be made such investigation of the business and properties of it and its Subsidiaries and of their respective financial and legal conditions as the other Party reasonably requests, provided that such investigation shall be reasonably related to the transactions contemplated hereby and shall not interfere unnecessarily with normal operations.
- (b) Except as may be required by applicable Law or legal process, and except for such disclosure to those of its directors, officers, employees and representatives as may be appropriate or required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, each Party shall hold in confidence all nonpublic information obtained from the other Party (including work papers and other Material derived therefrom) as a result of this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (whether so obtained before or after the execution hereof) until such time as the Party providing such information consents to its disclosure or such information becomes otherwise publicly available. Promptly following any termination of this Agreement, each of the Parties agrees to use its best efforts to cause its respective directors,

officers, employees and representatives to destroy or return to the providing party all such nonpublic information (including work papers and other material retrieved therefrom), including all copies thereof. Each Party shall, and shall cause its advisers and agents to, maintain the confidentiality of all confidential information furnished to it by the other Party concerning its and its Subsidiaries businesses, operations and financial position and shall not use such information for any purpose except in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated prior to the Effective Time, each Party shall promptly return all documents and copies thereof and all work papers containing confidential information received from the other Party.

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- (c) Each Party agrees to give the other Party notice as soon as practicable after any determination by it of any fact or occurrence relating to the other Party which it has discovered through the course of its investigation and which represents, or is reasonably likely to represent, either a Material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of the other Party or which has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on the other Party.
- (d) Neither any Party nor any Subsidiary of a Party shall be required to provide access to or to disclose information where such access or disclosure would violate or prejudice the rights of its customers, jeopardize the attorney-client or similar privilege with respect to such information or contravene any Law, rule, regulation, Order, judgment, decree, fiduciary duty or agreement entered into prior to the date of this Agreement. The Parties will use their reasonable efforts to make appropriate substitute disclosure arrangements, to the extent practicable, in circumstances in which the restrictions of the immediately preceding sentence apply.
- (e) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this Section 7.6 or any other written or oral understanding or agreement to which the Parties are parties or by which they are bound, the Parties acknowledge and agree that any obligations of confidentiality contained herein and therein that relate to the tax treatment and tax structure of the Mergers (and any related transaction or arrangements) have not applied from the commencement of discussions between the Parties and will not hereafter apply to the Parties; and each Party (and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Mergers and all materials of any kind that are provided to such Party relating to such tax treatment and tax structure, all within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4; provided, however, that each Party recognizes that each other Party has a right to maintain, in its sole discretion, any privilege that would protect the confidentiality of a communication relating to the Mergers, including a confidential communication with its attorney or a confidential communication with a federally authorized tax practitioner under Section 7525 of the Internal Revenue Code and that such privilege is not intended to be affected by the foregoing. These principles are meant to be interpreted so as to prevent the Mergers from being treated as offered under conditions of confidentiality within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Internal Revenue Code Sections 6011 and 6111(d)(2).

SECTION 7.7 *Press Releases.* Prior to the Effective Time, Target and Purchaser shall consult with each other as to the form and substance of any press release or other public disclosure Materially related to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated hereby; *provided*, *however*, that nothing in this Section 7.7 shall be deemed to prohibit any Party from making any disclosure which its counsel deems necessary or advisable in order to satisfy such Party s disclosure obligations imposed by Law.

SECTION 7.8 No Solicitation.

(a) Target shall not, nor shall it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, nor shall it authorize or permit any officer, director of employee of, or any investment banker, attorney or other advisor or representative of, Target or any of its Subsidiaries to, (i) solicit or initiate, or encourage the submission of, any Takeover Proposal or (ii) participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any person any information with respect to, or take any

other action to facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal that constitutes, or may reasonably be expected to lead to, any Takeover Proposal; provided, however, that, subject to compliance with subsection (c) below and after having consulted with independent outside legal counsel and having determined, in good faith, that the failure to do so would likely constitute a breach by the Target Board of Directors of its fiduciary duties to Target shareholders under applicable Law, Target may, in response to an unsolicited Takeover Proposal that (i) was not received in violation of this Section 7.8, (ii) is not subject to financing and (iii) the Target Board of Directors determines in good faith, after consultation with a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation to such effect, would result in a transaction more favorable to Target shareholders than the Company Merger, (A) furnish information with respect to Target to any Person pursuant to a confidentiality agreement and (B) participate in negotiations regarding such Takeover Proposal. Without limiting the foregoing, it is understood that any violation of the restrictions set forth in the immediately preceding sentence by any executive officer of Target or any of its Subsidiaries or any investment banker, attorney or other advisor or representative of Target or any of its Subsidiaries, whether or not

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such person is purporting to act on behalf of Target or any of its Subsidiaries or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a breach of this Section 7.8 by Target. For purposes of this Agreement, Takeover Proposal means an inquiry, proposal or acquisition or purchase of a substantial amount of assets of Target or any of its Subsidiaries (other than investors in the ordinary course of business) or of over 15% of any class of equity securities of Target or any of its Subsidiaries or any tender offer or exchange offer that, if consummated, would result in any Person beneficially owning 15% or more of any class of equity securities of Target or any of its Subsidiaries, or any merger, consolidation, business combination, sale of substantially all assets, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution or similar transaction involving Target or any of its Subsidiaries other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any other transaction the consummation of which would reasonably be expected to impede, interfere with, prevent or Materially delay the Mergers or which would reasonably be expected to dilute Materially the benefits to Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) Except as set forth herein, neither the Board of Directors of Target nor any committee thereof shall (i) withdraw or modify, or propose to withdraw or modify, in a manner adverse to Purchaser, the approval or recommendation of such Board of Directors or any such committee of this Agreement or the Mergers, (ii) approve or recommend, or propose to approve or recommend, any Takeover Proposal or (iii) enter into any agreement with respect to any Takeover Proposal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, after consultation with independent outside legal counsel and its financial advisors, the Board of Directors determines, in good faith, that failure to do so would likely constitute a breach of its fiduciary duties to Target shareholders under applicable Law, then, prior to the Shareholders Meeting, the Target Board of Directors may (subject to the terms of this and the following sentences) approve or recommend (and, in connection therewith, withdraw or modify its approval or recommendation of this Agreement or the Mergers) a Superior Proposal, or enter into an agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal, in each case at any time after the second Business Day following Purchaser s receipt of written notice (a Notice of Superior Proposal) advising Purchaser that the Target Board of Directors has received a Superior Proposal, specifying the Material terms and conditions of such Superior Proposal and identifying the Person making such Superior Proposal; provided that Target shall not enter into an agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal unless Target shall have furnished Purchaser with written notice no later than 12:00 noon one (1) day in advance of any date that it intends to enter into such agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, a Superior Proposal means any bona fide proposal (not subject to financing) to acquire, directly or indirectly, for consideration consisting of cash or securities, more than 50% of the shares of Target Common Stock or of the common stock of either Target Bank then outstanding or all or substantially all of the assets of Target or of either Target Bank and otherwise on terms that the Target Board of Directors determines in its good faith judgment (after consultation with a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation) to be more favorable to Target shareholders than the Company Merger.

(c) In addition to the obligations of Target set forth in subsection (b) above, Target shall immediately advise Purchaser orally and in writing of any request for information or of any Takeover Proposal, or any inquiry with respect to or which could lead to any Takeover Proposal, the Material terms and conditions of such request, Takeover Proposal or inquiry, and the identity of the person making any Takeover Proposal or inquiry. Target shall keep Purchaser fully informed of the status and details (including amendments or proposed amendments) of any such request, Takeover Proposal or inquiry.

(d) Nothing contained in this Section 7.8 shall prohibit Target from making any disclosure to Target s shareholders if the Target Board of Directors determines in good faith, after receipt of the written advice of outside counsel to such effect, that it is required to do so in order to discharge properly its fiduciary duties to shareholders under applicable Law; *provided* that Target does not, except as permitted by subsection (b) above, withdraw or modify, or propose to withdraw or modify, its position with respect to the Mergers or approve or recommend, or propose to approve or recommend, a Takeover Proposal.

SECTION 7.9 *Tax Treatment.* Each of the Parties undertakes and agrees to use its reasonable efforts to cause the Company Merger to, and to take no action which would cause the Company Merger not to, qualify for treatment as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code for federal income tax purposes.

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SECTION 7.10 Agreement of Affiliates. Target has Previously Disclosed all Persons whom it reasonably believes are affiliates of Target for purposes of Rule 145 under the 1933 Act. Target shall use its best efforts to cause each such Person to deliver to Purchaser not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Agreement, a written agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit 7.10 hereto, providing that such Person will not sell, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of the shares of Target Common Stock held by such Person except as contemplated by such agreement and will not sell, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be received by such Person upon consummation of the Company Merger except in compliance with applicable provisions of the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Regardless of whether each such affiliate has provided the written agreement referred to in this Section, Purchaser shall be entitled to place restrictive legends upon certificates for shares of Purchaser Common Stock issued to affiliates of Target pursuant to this Agreement to enforce the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 7.11 Employee Benefits and Contracts. Target will terminate the Target Benefit Plans as of the Effective Time, other than the Contract of Employment between Target and John R. Perrill dated November 17, 2005, which Purchaser Bank shall assume as of the Effective Time. Following the Effective Time, Purchaser shall provide generally to officers and employees of the Target Companies, who at or after the Effective Time become employees of a Purchaser Company (collectively, New Purchaser Employees), benefits under the employee benefit plans of Purchaser on terms and conditions which, when taken as a whole, are substantially similar to those currently provided by the Purchaser Companies to their similarly situated officers and employees. For purposes of participation, vesting and benefit accrual under all employee plans of the Purchaser Companies, the service of the employees of the Target Companies prior to the Effective Time shall be treated as service with a Purchaser Company participating in such employee benefit plans. Purchaser also shall credit New Purchaser Employees for amounts paid under Target Benefit Plans for the plan year for purposes of applying deductibles, co-payments and out-of-pocket maximums under the employee benefit plans of Purchaser.

SECTION 7.12 *Large Deposits*. Prior to the Closing, Target will provide Purchaser with a list of all certificates of deposit or checking, savings or other deposits owned by persons who, to the Knowledge of Target, had deposits aggregating more than \$100,000 and a list of all certificates of deposit or checking, savings or other deposits owned by directors and officers of Target and each Target Bank and their Affiliates in an amount aggregating more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the calendar month immediately prior to the Closing.

SECTION 7.13 Indemnification Against Certain Liabilities. Purchaser agrees that all rights to indemnification and all limitations of liability existing in favor of the officers and directors of Target and each Target Bank (Indemnified Parties) as provided in their respective Articles of Incorporation or Association and By-Laws as of the date hereof with respect to matters occurring prior to the Effective Time shall survive the Mergers. To the extent available, Purchaser shall maintain in effect for not less than three (3) years after the Closing Date policies of directors and officers liability insurance comparable to those maintained by Target with carriers comparable to Target s existing carriers and containing terms and conditions which are no less advantageous in any Material respect to the officers and directors of Target and which cover Target s present officers and directors for such three-year period regardless of whether or not such Persons remain employed by Target after the Closing Date,

provided that the annual premium for such insurance shall not exceed 150% of the most current annual premium paid by Target for its directors and officers liability insurance.

SECTION 7.14 *Voting Agreement*. Concurrent with the execution hereof, Target shall obtain and deliver to Purchaser an agreement in substantially the form of *Exhibit 7.14* hereto from each member of Target s Board of Directors.

SECTION 7.15 *Cooperation; Attendance at Board Meetings.* In order to facilitate the Mergers and the combination of the respective businesses of Purchaser and Target as promptly as practicable following the Effective Time and to the extent not in violation of applicable Laws or the directives of any Regulatory Authority: (i) Target shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, consult with Purchaser on all strategic and operational matters; and (ii) an individual selected by Purchaser reasonably acceptable to Target shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors of Target and Target Bank in a non-voting observer

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capacity, to receive notice of such meetings and to receive the information provided by Target or Target Bank to such Boards of Directors, *provided* that Target or Target Bank may require that any person proposing to attend any meetings of its Boards of Directors shall agree to hold in confidence and trust and to act in a fiduciary manner with respect to all information so received during such meetings or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 7.15 shall not apply with respect to any meeting, or portion of a meeting, of the Board of Directors of Target at which such Board plans to discuss (i) matters related to Target s rights and obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any Takeover Proposal.

SECTION 7.16 Section 16 Matters. Prior to the Effective Time: (a) the Board of Directors of Purchaser, or an appropriate committee of non-employee directors thereof, shall adopt a resolution consistent with the interpretive guidance of the SEC so that the acquisition by any officer or director of the Target who may become a covered person of Purchaser for purposes of Section 16 of the 1934 Act (together with the rules and regulations thereunder, Section 16), of shares of Purchaser Common Stock or options to purchase shares of Purchaser Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement and the Merger shall be an exempt transaction for purposes of Section 16; and (b) the Board of Directors of Purchaser, or an appropriate committee of non-employee directors thereof, shall adopt a resolution consistent with the interpretive guidance of the SEC so that the disposition by any officer or director Target who is a covered person of Target for purposes of Section 16 of shares of Purchaser Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement and the Merger shall be an exempt transaction for purposes of Section 16.

SECTION 7.17 Local Advisory Board. For a period of one (1) year following the consummation of the Mergers, Purchaser Bank shall maintain at the current location of the Target Bank a local advisory board, the members of which shall be Louis O. Dore, Martha B. Fender, D. Martin Goodman, Stancel E. Kirkland, Sr., Carl E. Lipscomb, Edward J. McNeil, Jr., Jimmy Lee Mullins, Sr., Frances K. Nicholson, J. Frank Ward and Bruce K. Wyles. Each advisory board member shall receive compensation for his or her service in the amount of \$300 per month.

ARTICLE 8.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS TO CONSUMMATE

SECTION 8.1 *Conditions to Obligations of Each Party.* The respective obligations of each Party to perform this Agreement and consummate the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated hereby are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions, unless waived by both Parties pursuant to Section 10.6 of this Agreement:

- (a) **Shareholder Approval**. The shareholders of Target shall have approved this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, as and to the extent required by Law or by the provisions of any governing instruments.
- (b) *Regulatory Approvals*. All Consents of, filings and registrations with, and notifications to, all Regulatory Authorities required for consummation of the Mergers shall have been obtained or made and shall be in full force and effect, and all waiting periods required by Law shall have expired. No Consent obtained from any Regulatory Authority which is necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby shall be conditioned or restricted in a manner

(including requirements relating to the raising of additional capital or the disposition of Assets) which, in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Directors of either Party, would so Materially adversely impact the economic or business benefits of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement so as to render inadvisable the consummation of the Mergers; *provided*, *however*, that no such condition or restriction shall be deemed to be Materially adverse unless it Materially differs from terms and conditions customarily imposed by any Regulatory Authority in connection with similar transactions.

(c) *Consents and Approvals*. Each Party shall have obtained any and all Consents required for consummation of the Mergers (other than those referred to in Section 8.1(b) of this Agreement) or for the

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preventing of any Default under any Contract or Permit of such Party which, if not obtained or made, is reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on such Party. No Consent obtained which is necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby shall be conditioned or restricted in a manner which, in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Directors of any of the Parties, would so Materially adversely impact the economic or business benefits of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement so as to render inadvisable the consummation of the Mergers.

- (d) *Legal Proceedings*. No court or governmental or Regulatory Authority of competent jurisdiction shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any Law or Order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) or taken any other action which prohibits, Materially restricts or makes illegal consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (e) *Registration Statement*. The Registration Statement shall be effective under the 1933 Act, no stop orders suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued, no action, suit, proceeding or investigation by the SEC to suspend the effectiveness thereof shall have been initiated and be continuing, and all necessary approvals under all Securities Laws relating to the issuance or trading of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Company Merger shall have been received.
- (f) *NASD Listing*. The shares of Purchaser Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Company Merger shall have been approved for listing (subject to issuance) on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.
- **SECTION 8.2** *Conditions to Obligations of Purchaser*. The obligations of Purchaser to perform this Agreement and consummate the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated hereby are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions, unless waived by Purchaser pursuant to Section 10.6(a) of this Agreement:
- (a) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of Target set forth or referred to in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Effective Time with the same effect as though all such representations and warranties had been made on and as of the Effective Time (provided that representations and warranties which are confined to a specified date shall speak only as of such date), except (i) as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, or (ii) for representations and warranties (other than the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.3 of this Agreement, which shall be true in all respects) the inaccuracies of which relate to matters that are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Target or would reasonably likely result in Purchaser s inability to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; *provided* that, for purposes of this Section 8.2(a) only, those representations and warranties that are qualified by reference to Material or Material Adverse Effect shall be deemed not to include such qualifications.
- (b) *Performance of Agreements and Covenants*. Each and all of the agreements and covenants of Target to be performed and complied with pursuant to this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby prior to the Effective Time shall have been duly performed and complied with in all Material respects.

- (c) *Certificates*. Target shall have delivered to Purchaser (i) a certificate, dated as of the Effective Time and signed on its behalf by its chief executive officer, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 8.2(a) and 8.2(b) of this Agreement have been satisfied, and (ii) certified copies of resolutions duly adopted by Target s Board of Directors and shareholders evidencing the taking of all corporate action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, all in such reasonable detail as Purchaser and its counsel shall reasonably request.
- (d) *Opinion of Counsel*. Target shall have delivered to Purchaser an opinion of Powell Goldstein LLP, counsel to Target, dated as of the Closing Date, covering those matters set forth in *Exhibit 8.2(d)* hereto, which opinion may be rendered in accordance with the Interpretive Standards on Legal Opinions to Third Parties in Corporate Transactions promulgated by the Corporate and Banking Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia (January 1, 1992) (the Interpretive Standards).

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- (e) *Accountant s Letters*. Purchaser shall have received from Elliott Davis, LLC, letters dated not more than five (5) days prior to (i) the date of the Proxy Statement and (ii) the Effective Time, with respect to certain financial information regarding Target, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Purchaser, which letters shall be based upon customary specified procedures undertaken by such firm.
- (f) *Noncompete Agreements*. Each member of Target s Board of Directors shall have executed and delivered to Purchaser a Non-Competition and Non-Disclosure Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit* 8.2(f).
- (g) *Tax Matters*. Purchaser shall have received the opinion of Rogers & Hardin LLP, counsel to Purchaser, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that for federal income tax purposes the Company Merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. In rendering such opinion, counsel to Purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon customary representations and assumptions provided by Purchaser and Target that counsel to Purchaser reasonably deems relevant.
- (h) *Minimum Tangible Capital*. Target shall have delivered to Purchaser a certificate, signed on its behalf by its acting chief executive officer, promptly following the close of business on the Business Day that is two (2) Business Days prior to the Closing Date certifying that, as of such time, the Tangible Capital of Target is at least (i) \$6,000,000 or (ii) \$6,150,000, as the case may be.
- (i) *Stock Options*. The Board of Directors of Target, or the appropriate committee thereof, shall have taken all necessary action to permit all Target Options to be converted into the right to receive cash as set forth in Section 3.5 hereof as of the Effective Time.
- **SECTION 8.3** *Conditions to Obligations of Target*. The obligations of Target to perform this Agreement and consummate the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated hereby are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions, unless waived by Target pursuant to Section 10.6(b) of this Agreement:
- (a) *Representations and Warranties*. The representations and warranties of Purchaser set forth or referred to in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Effective Time with the same effect as though all such representations and warranties had been made on and as of the Effective Time (provided that representations and warranties which are confined to a specified date shall speak only as of such date), except (i) as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, or (ii) for representations and warranties (other than the representations and warranties set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement, which shall be true in all respects) the inaccuracies of which relate to matters that are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser; *provided* that, for purposes of this Section 8.3(a), those representations and warranties that are qualified by references to Material or Material Adverse Effect shall be deemed not to include such qualifications.
- (b) *Performance of Agreements and Covenants*. Each and all of the agreements and covenants of Purchaser to be performed and complied with pursuant to this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby prior to the Effective Time shall have been duly performed and complied with

in all Material respects.

- (c) *Certificates*. Purchaser shall have delivered to Target (i) a certificate, dated as of the Effective Time and signed on its behalf by its chief executive officer and its chief financial officer, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Section 8.3(a) and 8.3(b) of this Agreement have been satisfied, and (ii) certified copies of resolutions duly adopted by Purchaser s Board of Directors evidencing the taking of all corporate action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, all in such reasonable detail as Target and its counsel shall reasonably request.
- (d) *Opinion of Counsel*. Purchaser shall have delivered to Target an opinion of Rogers & Hardin LLP, counsel to Purchaser, dated as of the Closing Date, covering those matters set forth in *Exhibit* 8.3(d) hereto, which opinion may be rendered in accordance with the Interpretive Standards.

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- (e) *Delivery of Merger Consideration*. Purchaser shall have delivered the Cash Consideration and the Stock Consideration to the Exchange Agent.
- (f) *Tax Matters*. Target shall have received the opinion of Powell Goldstein LLP, counsel to Target, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that for federal income tax purposes the Company Merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. In rendering such opinion, counsel to Target shall be entitled to rely upon customary representations and assumptions provided by Purchaser and Target that counsel to Target reasonably deems relevant.
- (g) *Tail Insurance Coverage*. Purchaser shall have provided Target written documentation evidencing the effectiveness of the insurance coverage described in Section 7.13 hereof.

ARTICLE 9.

TERMINATION

SECTION 9.1 *Termination.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and notwithstanding the approval of this Agreement by the shareholders of Target, this Agreement may be terminated and the Mergers abandoned at any time prior to the Effective Time:

- (a) by mutual consent of the Boards of Directors of Purchaser and Target; or
- (b) by the Board of Directors of either Party (*provided* that the terminating Party is not then in Material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement contained in this Agreement) in the event of a Material breach by the other Party of any representation or warranty contained in this Agreement which cannot be or has not been cured within thirty (30) days after the giving of written notice to the breaching Party of such breach and which breach would provide the non-breaching Party the ability to refuse to consummate the Mergers under the standard set forth in Section 8.2(a) of this Agreement in the case of Purchaser and Section 8.3(a) of this Agreement in the case of Target; or
- (c) by the Board of Directors of either Party (provided that the terminating Party is not then in Material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement contained in this Agreement) in the event of a Material breach by the other Party of any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement which cannot be or has not been cured within (30) days after the giving of written notice to the breaching Party of such breach; or
- (d) by the Board of Directors of either Party (provided that the terminating Party is not then in Material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement contained in this Agreement) in the event (i) any Consent of any Regulatory Authority required for consummation of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated hereby has been denied by final non-appealable action of such authority or if any action taken by such authority is not appealed within the time limit for appeal, or (ii) the shareholders of Target fail to approve this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby as required by the SCCA at the Shareholders Meeting where the transactions were presented to such shareholders for approval and voted upon (assuming, for this purpose, that Purchaser votes the proxies granted to it pursuant to Section 7.14 hereof in favor thereof); or

(e) by the Board of Directors of either Party in the event that the Company Merger shall not have been consummated by March 31, 2007, *provided* the failure to consummate the Company Merger on or before such date was not caused by any breach of this Agreement by the Party electing to terminate pursuant to this Section 9.1(e); or

(f) by the Board of Directors of either Party (provided that the terminating Party is not then in Material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement contained in this Agreement) in the event that any of the conditions precedent to the obligations of such Party to consummate the Mergers cannot be satisfied or fulfilled by the date specified in Section 9.1(e) of this Agreement; or

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- (g) by the Board of Directors of either party if the Average Market Price (determined without regard to the proviso in the definition thereof) is less than \$21.00, unless the Parties shall have agreed in writing prior to the Closing Date for the Purchaser to, in its discretion, either issue additional shares of Purchaser Common Stock or pay additional cash to holders of Outstanding Target Shares, such that, as a result thereof, each Outstanding Target Share will be converted into the right to receive cash or shares of Purchaser Common Stock having an aggregate value equal to the Target Stock Price; or
- (h) by the Board of Directors of Purchaser if the Board of Directors of Target (A) shall withdraw, modify or change its recommendation with respect to this Agreement or the Mergers or shall have resolved to do so, or (B) shall have recommended or approved a Takeover Proposal or shall have resolved to do so; or
- (i) by the Board of Directors of Target in connection with entering into a definitive agreement in accordance with Section 7.8(b), *provided* that it has complied with all provisions thereof, including the notice provisions therein, and that it makes simultaneous payment of the Termination Fee; or
- (j) by the Board of Directors of Purchaser if Target fails to properly file required reports with the SEC on a timely basis; or
- (k) by the Board of Directors of Purchaser if, prior to the Effective Time, there shall have occurred any event, change, occurrence, condition or state of facts that would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect on Target.

SECTION 9.2 Effect of Termination. In the event of the termination and abandonment of this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.1 hereof, this Agreement shall become null and void and have no effect, except (i) as provided in Sections 10.2 and 10.14 hereof, and (ii) for any liability of a Party arising out of a willful breach of any representation, warranty or covenant in this Agreement prior to the date of termination, unless such breach was required by Law or by any bank or bank holding company regulatory authority. Each Party hereby agrees that its sole right and remedy with respect to any non-willful breach of a representation or warranty or covenant by the other Party shall be not to close the transactions described herein if such breach results in the nonsatisfaction of a condition set forth in Article 8 hereof; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any claim for a willful breach of a representation, warranty or covenant or for fraud (except if such breach is required by Law or by any insurance regulatory authority, or bank or bank holding company regulatory authority), in which case the Parties will have all available legal rights and remedies.

ARTICLE 10.

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 10.1 *Definitions*. Except as otherwise provided herein, the capitalized terms set forth below (in their singular and plural forms as applicable) shall have the following meanings:

Affiliate of a Person shall mean (a) any other Person directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Person or (b) any officer, director, partner,

employer, or direct or indirect beneficial owner of any 10% or greater equity or voting interest of such Person.

Assets of a Person shall mean all of the assets, properties, businesses and rights of such Person of every kind, nature, character and description, whether real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, accrued or contingent, or otherwise relating to or utilized in such Person s business, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, whether or not carried on the books and records of such Person, and whether or not owned in the name of such Person or any Affiliate of such Person and wherever located.

Average Market Price means the arithmetic average of the daily closing price per share of Purchaser Common Stock (adjusted appropriately for any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, reclassification or

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similar transaction that is effected or for which a record date occurs), as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, for each of the ten (10) consecutive trading days ending on (and including) the trading day that occurs two (2) trading days prior to (and not including) the Closing Date; provided, however, that if the Average Market Price as calculated above is greater than \$28.00, then the Average Market Price for purposes of this Agreement shall be \$28.00, and if the Average Market Price as calculated above is less than \$21.00, then the Average Market Price for purposes of this Agreement shall be \$21.00.

Bank Merger shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble hereto.

BHC Act shall mean the federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended.

Business Day shall mean any day except Saturday, Sunday and any day which shall be a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the State of Georgia generally are authorized or required by Law or other government action to close.

Cash Consideration shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.

Cash Election shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

Cash Election Shares shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(f) of this Agreement.

Closing shall mean the closing of the transactions contemplated hereby, as described in Section 1.3 of this Agreement.

Closing Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.3 of this Agreement.

Combination Election shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

Company Merger shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble hereto.

Consent shall mean any consent, approval, authorization, clearance, exemption, waiver, or similar affirmation by any Person pursuant to any Contract, Law, Order or Permit.

Contract shall mean any written or oral agreement, arrangement, authorization, commitment, contract, indenture, instrument, lease, obligation, plan, practice, restriction, understanding or undertaking of any kind or character, or other document to which any Person is a party or that is binding on any Person or its capital stock, Assets or business.

CRA shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.24 of this Agreement.

Default shall mean (a) any breach or violation of or default under any Contract, Order or Permit, (b) any occurrence of any event that with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a breach or violation of or default under any Contract, Order or Permit, or (c) any occurrence of any event

that with or without the passage of or the giving of notice would give rise to a right to terminate or revoke, change the current terms of, or renegotiate, or to accelerate, increase or impose any Liability under, any Contract, Order or Permit.

Default Stock Election shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(e) of this Agreement.

Dissenting Shares shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.

Effective Time shall mean the date and time at which the Company Merger becomes effective as defined in Section 1.4 of this Agreement.

Election Deadline $\,$ shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

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Environmental Laws shall mean all Laws which are administered, interpreted or enforced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state and local agencies with primary jurisdiction over pollution or protection of the environment.

ERISA shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

ERISA Affiliate shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.14(d) of this Agreement.

Exchange Agent shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(d) of this Agreement.

Exhibits shall mean the Exhibits attached to this Agreement, which Exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof and may be referred to in this Agreement and any other related instrument or document without being attached hereto.

Expenses and Fees shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.2(a) of this Agreement.

Form of Election shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

GAAP shall mean generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied during the periods involved.

Georgia Articles of Merger shall mean the Articles of Merger or Certificate of Merger, if applicable, to be executed by Purchaser and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia relating to the Company Merger as contemplated by Section 1.4 of this Agreement.

GBCC shall mean the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

Hazardous Material shall mean any pollutant, contaminant, or hazardous substance within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., or any similar federal, state or local Law.

IIPI shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.25(a) of this Agreement.

Indemnified Parties shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.13 of this Agreement.

Intellectual Property shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.20 of this Agreement.

Internal Revenue Code shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Interpretive Standards shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.2(d) of this Agreement.

IRS shall mean the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Islands Common Stock shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.3(b) of this Agreement.

Knowledge as used with respect to a Person shall mean the Knowledge after reasonable due inquiry of the President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Chief Credit Officer or any Senior or Executive Vice President of such Person.

Law shall mean any code, law, ordinance, regulation, reporting or licensing requirement, rule, or statute applicable to a Person or its Assets, Liabilities or business, including those promulgated, interpreted or enforced by any of the Regulatory Authorities.

Letter of Transmittal shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.2 of this Agreement.

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Liability shall mean any direct or indirect, primary or secondary, liability, indebtedness, obligation, penalty, cost or expense (including costs of investigation, collection and defense), claim, deficiency, guaranty or endorsement of or by any Person (other than endorsements of notes, bills, checks and drafts presented for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business) of any type, whether accrued, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, matured or unmatured, or otherwise.

Lien shall mean any conditional sale agreement, default of title, easement, encroachment, encumbrance, hypothecation, infringement, lien, mortgage, pledge, reservation, restriction, security interest, title retention or other security arrangement, or any adverse right or interest, charge or claim of any nature whatsoever of, on, or with respect to any property or property interest, other than (i) Liens for current property Taxes not yet due and payable, (ii) for depository institution Subsidiaries of a Party, pledges to secure deposits and other Liens incurred in the ordinary course of the banking business, and (iii) Liens which are not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on a Party.

Litigation shall mean any action, arbitration, cause of action, claim, complaint, criminal prosecution, demand letter, governmental or other examination or investigation, hearing, inquiry, administrative or other proceeding, or notice (written or oral) by any Person alleging potential Liability or requesting information relating to or affecting a Party, its business, its Assets (including Contracts related to it), or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, but shall not include regular, periodic examinations of depository institutions and their Affiliates by Regulatory Authorities.

Loan Property shall mean any property owned by the Party in question or by any of its Subsidiaries or in which such Party or Subsidiary holds a security interest, and, where required by the context, includes the owner or operator of such property, but only with respect to such property.

Material or Materially for purposes of this Agreement shall be determined in light of the facts and circumstances of the matter in question, provided that any specific monetary amount stated in this Agreement shall determine Materiality in that instance.

Material Adverse Effect on a Party shall mean an event, change or occurrence which has a Material adverse impact on (a) the financial position, business, or results of operations of such Party and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (b) the ability of such Party to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the Mergers or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, *provided* that Material adverse impact shall not be deemed to include the impact of (w) changes in economic or other conditions, including the interest rate environment, affecting the banking industry in general, (x) changes in banking and similar Laws of general applicability or interpretations thereof by courts or governmental authorities, (y) changes in generally accepted accounting principles or regulatory accounting principles generally applicable to banks and their holding companies, and (z) the Mergers and compliance with the provisions of this Agreement on the operating performance of the Parties.

Maximum Cash Election Number shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(f) of this Agreement.

Maximum Stock Election Number shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(f) of this Agreement.

Mergers shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble hereto.

NASD shall mean the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

New Purchaser Employees shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.11 of this Agreement.

1933 Act shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC thereunder.

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1934 Act shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC thereunder.

Notice of Superior Proposal shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.8(b) of this Agreement.

Old Certificates shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(h) of this Agreement.

Option Holder shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.5 of this Agreement.

Option Shares shall mean the shares of Target Common Stock issuable by Target in connection with the exercise of any Target Option (whether or not such Target Option is then exercisable).

Order shall mean any administrative decision or award, decree, injunction, judgment, order, quasi-judicial decision or award, ruling, or writ of any federal, state, local or foreign or other court, arbitrator, mediator, tribunal, administrative agency or Regulatory Authority.

Outstanding Target Share shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.

Participation Facility shall mean any facility or property in which the Party in question or any of its Subsidiaries participates in the management (including any property or facility held in a joint venture) and, where required by the context, said term means the owner or operator of such facility or property, but only with respect to such facility or property.

Party shall mean either Target and Target Bank, collectively, or Purchaser and Purchaser Bank, collectively, and Parties shall mean Target, Target Bank, Purchaser and Purchaser Bank, collectively.

Permit shall mean any federal, state, local or foreign governmental approval, authorization, certificate, easement, filing, franchise, license, notice, permit or right to which any Person is a party or that is or may be binding upon or inure to the benefit of any Person or its capital stock, Assets, Liabilities or business.

Person shall mean a natural person or any legal, commercial or governmental entity, such as, but not limited to, a corporation, general partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, business association, group acting in concert, or any person acting in a representative capacity.

Previously Disclosed shall mean information (a) delivered in writing prior to or contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement in the manner and to the Party and counsel described in Section 10.8 of this Agreement and describing in reasonable detail the matters contained therein, provided that in the case of Subsidiaries acquired after the date of this Agreement, such information may be so delivered by the acquiring Party to the other Party prior to the date of such acquisition, (b) disclosed prior to the date of this Agreement by one Party to the other Party in an SEC Document delivered to such other Party in which the specific information has been identified by the delivering Party, or (c) disclosed in writing during Purchaser's due diligence investigation pursuant to Section 7.6(a) by Target to Purchaser

describing in reasonable detail the matters contained therein.

Proxy Statement shall mean the proxy statement used by Target to solicit the approval of its shareholders of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and shall include the prospectus of Purchaser relating to shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued to the shareholders of Target.

Purchaser Allowance shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.9 of this Agreement.

Purchaser Benefit Plans shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.14(a) of this Agreement.

Purchaser Common Stock $\,$ shall mean the \$1.00 par value common stock of Purchaser.

Purchaser Companies shall mean, collectively, Purchaser and all Purchaser Subsidiaries, including Purchaser Bank.

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Purchaser ERISA Plan shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.14(a) of this Agreement.

Purchaser Financial Statements shall mean (a) the consolidated balance sheets (including related notes and schedules, if any) of Purchaser as of December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in shareholders equity, and cash flows (including related notes and schedules, if any) and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, as filed by Purchaser in its SEC Documents, and (b) the consolidated balance sheets of Purchaser (including related notes and schedules, if any) and related statements of income, changes in shareholders equity, and cash flows (including related notes and schedules, if any) included in its SEC Documents filed with respect to periods ended subsequent to December 31, 2005.

Purchaser Pension Plan shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.14(a) of this Agreement.

Purchaser Stock Plans shall mean the existing stock option and other stock-based compensation plans of Purchaser.

Purchaser Subsidiaries shall mean the Subsidiaries of Purchaser.

Record Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

Registration Statement shall mean the Registration Statement on Form S-4, or other appropriate form, to be filed with the SEC by Purchaser under the 1933 Act in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Regulatory Authorities shall mean, collectively, the Federal Trade Commission, the SEC, the NASD, the United States Department of Justice, the Board of the Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions, and all other federal, state, county, local or other governmental or regulatory agencies, authorities, instrumentalities, commissions, boards or bodies having jurisdiction over the Parties and their respective Subsidiaries.

Representative $\,$ shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

SCCA shall mean the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988.

SEC shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SEC Documents shall mean all reports and registration statements filed by a Party or any of its Subsidiaries with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Laws.

Securities Laws shall mean the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, state blue sky Laws, and the rules and regulations of any Regulatory Authority promulgated thereunder.

Shareholders Meeting shall mean the meeting of the shareholders of Target to be held pursuant to Section 7.1 of this Agreement, including any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Stock Consideration shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.

Stock Election $\,$ shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c) of this Agreement.

Stock Election Shares $\,$ shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(f) of this Agreement.

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Subsidiaries shall mean all those corporations, banks, associations or other entities of which the entity in question owns or controls 5% or more of the outstanding equity securities either directly or through an unbroken chain of entities as to each of which 5% or more of the outstanding equity securities is owned directly or indirectly by its parent; *provided*, *however*, that there shall not be included any such entity acquired through foreclosure or any such entity the equity securities of which are owned or controlled in a fiduciary capacity.

Superior Proposal shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.8(b) of this Agreement.

Surviving Corporation shall mean Purchaser as the surviving corporation resulting from the Company Merger.

Takeover Proposal shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.8(a) of this Agreement.

Tangible Capital shall be determined in accordance with GAAP and shall mean the (i) total capital of the Target Companies (excluding accumulated comprehensive income) on a consolidated basis minus (ii) (A) goodwill and core deposit intangible balances of Target Companies on a consolidated basis and (B) all Target expenses related to the Merger, including legal fees, accounting fees, investment banking fees, printing charges, costs incurred in terminating existing data processing contracts and success fee, change of control or similar payments required to be made to employees as a result of the consummation of the Merger.

Target Allowance shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.9 of this Agreement.

Target Benefit Plans shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.14(a) of this Agreement.

Target Common Stock shall mean the no par value Common Stock of Target.

Target Companies shall mean, collectively, Target and all Target Subsidiaries, including Target Bank.

Target Contracts shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.15 of this Agreement.

Target ERISA Plan shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.14 of this Agreement.

Target Financial Statements shall mean (a) the consolidated balance sheets (including related notes and schedules, if any) of Target as of December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in shareholders equity, and cash flows (including related notes and schedules, if any) for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, as filed by Target in its SEC Documents, and (b) the consolidated balance sheets of Target (including related notes and schedules, if any) and related statements of income, changes in shareholders equity, and cash flows (including related notes and schedules, if any) included in its SEC Documents filed with respect to periods ended subsequent to December 31, 2005.

Target Option shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.5 of this Agreement.

Target Pension Plan shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.14(a) of this Agreement.

Target Stock Plans shall mean the existing stock option and other stock-based compensation plans of Target.

Target Stock Price shall mean \$22.50, unless the Tangible Capital of Target for purposes of Section 8.2(h) hereof is less than \$6,150,000 but greater than or equal to \$6,000,000, in which case Target Stock Price shall mean \$22.25.

Target Subsidiaries shall mean the Subsidiaries of Target, which shall include the Target Subsidiaries described in Section 4.4 of this Agreement and any Person acquired as a Subsidiary of Target in the future and owned by Target at the Effective Time.

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Target Warrant shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6 of this Agreement.

Taxes shall mean any federal, state, county, local, foreign or other taxes, assessments, charges, fares, or impositions, including interest and penalties thereon or with respect thereto.

Technology Systems shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.26 of this Agreement.

Termination Fee shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.2 of this Agreement.

Warrant Holder shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6 of this Agreement.

Warrant Shares shall mean the shares of Target Common Stock issuable by Target in connection with the exercise of any Target Warrant (whether or not such Target Warrant is then exercisable).

SECTION 10.2 Expenses; Effect of Certain Terminations.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section 10.2, (i) each of the Parties shall bear and pay all direct costs and expenses incurred by it or on its behalf in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder, including filing, registration and application fees, printing fees, and fees and expenses of its own financial or other consultants, investment bankers, accountants and counsel; and (ii) each of the Parties shall bear and pay one-half of costs incurred in connection with the printing and mailing of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement (the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), collectively, the Expenses and Fees).
- (b) Target shall pay, or cause to be paid, in same day funds to Purchaser, cash in the amount of \$500,000 (the Termination Fee) upon demand if (A) Purchaser terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.1(h) or Target terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.1(i), or (B) prior to the termination of this Agreement (other than by Target pursuant to Section 9.1(c), 9.1(d)(i), 9.1(e) or 9.1(g)), a Takeover Proposal shall have been made and within one (1) year of such termination, Target enters into an agreement with respect to, or approves or recommends such Takeover Proposal.
- (c) In the event this Agreement is terminated as a result of Purchaser s willful breach of any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained herein, unless such breach was required by Law or by any bank or bank holding company Regulatory Authority, Purchaser shall reimburse Target for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses directly relating to the Company Merger in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, which amount shall not be deemed an exclusive remedy or liquidated damages.
- (d) In the event this Agreement is terminated as a result of Target s willful breach of any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained herein, unless such breach was required by Law or by any bank or bank holding company Regulatory Authority, and other than under circumstances in which the provisions of Section 10.2(b) hereof shall apply, Target shall reimburse Purchaser for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses relating to the Company Merger in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, which amount shall not be

deemed an exclusive remedy or liquidated damages.

SECTION 10.3 Brokers and Finders. Except for Howe Barnes Investments, Inc. with respect to Target, each of the Parties represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its officers, directors, employees or Affiliates has employed any broker or finder or incurred any Liability for any financial advisory fees, investment bankers fees, brokerage fees, commissions or finders fees in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. In the event of a claim by any broker or finder based upon its representing or being retained by or allegedly representing or being retained by Target or Purchaser, each of Target and Purchaser, as the case may be, agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless of and from any Liability in respect of any such claim.

SECTION 10.4 *Entire Agreement*. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement (including the Bank Merger Agreement and the other documents and instruments referred to herein) constitutes

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the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereunder and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings with respect thereto, written or oral. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to confer upon any Person, other than the Parties or their respective successors, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, other than as provided in Section 7.13 of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.5 *Amendments*. To the extent permitted by Law, this Agreement may be amended by a subsequent writing signed by each of the Parties upon the approval of the Boards of Directors of each of the Parties; *provided*, *however*, that after any such approval by the holders of Target Common Stock, there shall be made no amendment decreasing the consideration to be received by Target shareholders without the further approval of such shareholders.

SECTION 10.6 Waivers.

- (a) Prior to or at the Effective Time, Purchaser, acting through its Board of Directors, chief executive officer or other authorized officer, shall have the right to waive any Default in the performance of any term of this Agreement by Target, to waive or extend the time for the compliance or fulfillment by Target of any and all of its obligations under this Agreement, and to waive any or all of the conditions precedent to the obligations of Purchaser under this Agreement, except any condition which, if not satisfied, would result in the violation of any Law. No such waiver shall be effective unless in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of Purchaser.
- (b) Prior to or at the Effective Time, Target, acting through its Board of Directors, chief executive officer or other authorized officer, shall have the right to waive any Default in the performance of any term of this Agreement by Purchaser, to waive or extend the time for the compliance or fulfillment by Purchaser of any and all of its obligations under this Agreement, and to waive any or all of the conditions precedent to the obligations of Target under this Agreement, except any condition which, if not satisfied, would result in the violation of any Law. No such waiver shall be effective unless in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of Target.
- (c) The failure of any Party at any time or times to require performance of any provision hereof shall in no manner affect the right of such Party at a later time to enforce the same or any other provision of this Agreement. No waiver of any condition or of the breach of any term contained in this Agreement in one or more instances shall be deemed to be or construed as a further or continuing waiver of such condition or breach or a waiver of any other condition or of the breach of any other term of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.7 *Assignment*. Except as expressly contemplated hereby, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned by any Party hereto (whether by operation of Law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other Party; *provided*, *however*, that if Purchaser is acquired before the Closing, this Agreement may be assigned by Purchaser and assumed by the acquiring Person without Target s consent. Subject to the immediately preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

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SECTION 10.8 *Notices.* All notices or other communications which are required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and sufficient if delivered by hand, by facsimile transmission, by registered or certified mail, postage pre-paid, or by courier or overnight carrier, to the persons at the addresses set forth below (or at such other address as may be provided hereunder), and shall be deemed to have been delivered as of the date so delivered:

Purchaser: Ameris Bancorp

24 2nd Avenue, S.E. Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Telecopy Number: (229) 890-2235

Attention: President

Copy to (which copy will not constitute notice to Purchaser):

Rogers & Hardin LLP

2700 International Tower, Peachtree Center

229 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Telecopy Number: (404) 525-2224 Attention: Steven E. Fox, Esq.

Target: Islands Bancorp

2348 Boundary Street

Beaufort, South Carolina 29902 Telecopy Number: (843) 521-1849

Attention: President

Copy to (which copy will not constitute notice to Target):

Powell Goldstein LLP One Atlantic Center, Fourteenth Floor 1201 West Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3488 Telecopy Number: (404) 572-6999

Attention: Kathryn Knudson, Esq.

SECTION 10.9 *Governing Law*. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Georgia, without regard to any applicable conflicts of Laws, except to the extent that the federal Laws of the United States may apply to the Mergers.

SECTION 10.10 *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Executed counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by the Parties via facsimile transmission.

SECTION 10.11 *Interpretation.* The captions contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and are not part of this Agreement. When a reference is made in this Agreement to Articles, Sections or Exhibits, such reference will be to an Article or Section of or Exhibit to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The table of contents contained in this Agreement is for

reference purposes only and will not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. Whenever the words include, includes or including are used in this Agreement, they will be deemed to be followed by the words without limitation. Unless the context otherwise requires (i) or is disjunctive but not necessarily exclusive, (ii) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa, (iii) the use in this Agreement of a pronoun in reference to a Party hereto includes the masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context may require, and (iv) terms used herein that are defined in GAAP have the meanings ascribed to them therein. No provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in favor of, or against, any

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of the Parties to this Agreement by reason of the extent to which any such Party or its counsel participated in the drafting thereof or by reason of the extent to which any such provision is inconsistent with any prior draft hereof, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any Party hereto. This Agreement will not interpreted or construed to require any Person to take any action, or fail to take any action, if to do so would violate any applicable Law.

SECTION 10.12 Enforcement of Agreement. The Parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement was not performed in accordance with its specific terms or was otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the Parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof in any court of the United States or any state having jurisdiction, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity.

SECTION 10.13 *Severability*. Any term or provision of this Agreement which is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without rendering invalid or unenforceable the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction. If any provision of this Agreement is so broad as to be unenforceable, the provision shall be interpreted to be only so broad as is enforceable.

SECTION 10.14 *Survival.* The respective representations, warranties, obligations, covenants and agreements of the Parties shall not survive the Effective Time or the termination and abandonment of this Agreement, except that (i) Articles Two, Three and Ten and Sections 7.6(b), 7.9, 7.11 and 7.13 of this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time; and (ii) Sections 7.6(b), 9.2, 10.1, 10.2, 10.9 and 10.14 shall survive the termination and abandonment of this Agreement.

[Signatures on next page.]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its officers as of the day and year first above written.

ATTEST: ISLANDS BANCORP

/s/ EDWARD J. McNeil By: /s/ D. MARTIN GOODMAN
Secretary Its: Chairman of the Board

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST: ISLANDS COMMUNITY BANK,

N.A.

/s/ EDWARD J. McNeil By: /s/ D. Martin Goodman
Secretary Its: Chairman of the Board

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST: AMERIS BANCORP

/s/ CINDI H. LEWIS By: /s/ EDWIN W. HORTMAN, JR.
Secretary Its: President and Chief Executive Officer

[CORPORATE SEAL]

AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY

/s/ CINDI H. LEWIS By: /s/ EDWIN W. HORTMAN, JR.
Secretary Its: President and Chief Executive Officer

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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EXHIBIT 1.2

BANK PLAN OF MERGER AND MERGER AGREEMENT

THIS BANK PLAN OF MERGER AND MERGER AGREEMENT (the Agreement) is made and entered into as of the day of , 2006, by and between AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY, a Georgia state-chartered bank (the Surviving Bank), and ISLANDS COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., a national banking association (the Merging Bank) (the Merging Bank and the Surviving Bank are hereinafter collectively referred to as the Constituent Banks).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Constituent Banks, Ameris Bancorp, a Georgia corporation and the sole shareholder of the Surviving Bank (Ameris), and Islands Bancorp, a South Carolina corporation and the sole shareholder of the Merging Bank (Islands), have entered into that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 15, 2006 (the Holding Company Agreement), pursuant to which Islands would be merged with and into Ameris (the Company Merger);

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of the Constituent Banks deem it advisable and for the benefit of said Constituent Banks that the Merging Bank merge with and into the Surviving Bank immediately upon, and subject to, the consummation of the Company Merger (the Merger); and

WHEREAS, the Financial Institutions Code of Georgia (the Code) authorizes the merger of a national bank and a bank organized under the Code, subject to applicable provisions of the Code and the approval of such merger by the Department of Banking and Finance of the State of Georgia (the Department);

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and other mutual agreements, covenants, representations and warranties contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

I.

MERGER; EFFECTIVE TIME

- 1.1 Merger. At the Effective Time, as hereinafter defined, the Merging Bank shall be merged with and into the Surviving Bank, in accordance with the Code. The Surviving Bank shall survive the Merger, the separate existence of the Merging Bank shall cease, and the Merger shall in all respects have the effect provided for in the applicable provisions of the Code.
- 1.2 Effective Time. Subject to the consummation of the Company Merger in accordance with the Holding Company Agreement, Articles of Merger evidencing the transactions contemplated herein shall be delivered to the Department for filing in accordance with the Code. The Merger shall be effective upon the issuance of a certificate of merger with respect thereto by the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia (the Effective Time).

II.

NAME OF SURVIVING BANK; ARTICLES OF

INCORPORATION; BYLAWS; DIRECTORS; OFFICERS

- 2.1 *Name of Surviving Bank*. The name of the Surviving Bank shall be American Banking Company or such other name as the Surviving Bank shall be operating under immediately prior to the Effective Time.
- 2.2 Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Bank. The Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Bank in effect at the Effective Time shall (until further amended) continue to be the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Bank.

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- 2.3 *Bylaws of the Surviving Bank*. The Bylaws of the Surviving Bank in effect at the Effective Time shall (until further amended) continue to be the Bylaws of the Surviving Bank.
- 2.4 Directors of the Surviving Bank. At the Effective Time, the directors of the Merging Bank immediately prior thereto shall cease to hold office, and each director of the Surviving Bank immediately prior thereto shall remain a director of the Surviving Bank and shall thereafter hold such office for the remainder of his or her term of office and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified, or as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Surviving Bank or by the Code. The names of such directors are set forth on Schedule 2.4 attached hereto.
- 2.5 Executive Officers of the Surviving Bank. At the Effective Time, the executive officers of the Merging Bank immediately prior thereto shall cease to hold office, and each executive officer of the Surviving Bank immediately prior thereto shall remain an executive officer of the Surviving Bank, and each of the foregoing shall thereafter hold such office for the remainder of his or her term of office and until his or her successor has been elected or appointed and qualified, or as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Surviving Bank or by the Code. The names of such executive officers are set forth on Schedule 2.5 attached hereto.

III.

SECURITIES

The shares of the capital stock of the Constituent Banks shall be converted as follows:

- 3.1 *Stock of the Surviving Bank*. At the Effective Time, each share of the common stock of the Surviving Bank issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain outstanding, shall be unaffected by the consummation of the Merger and shall continue to be held by Ameris.
- 3.2 Stock of the Merging Bank. At the Effective Time, each share of the common stock of the Merging Bank shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action by the holder thereof, be extinguished.

IV.

GENERAL

- 4.1 *Approval of Shareholders and the Department*. This Agreement is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Constituent Banks and by the Department.
- 4.2 *Necessary Action*. The directors and officers of the Constituent Banks shall carry out and consummate this Agreement and shall have the power to adopt all resolutions, execute and file all documents and take all other actions that they may deem necessary or desirable for the purpose of effecting the merger of the Constituent Banks in accordance with this Agreement and the Code.
- 4.3 *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Agreement or the terms hereof to produce or

account for more than one of such counterparts. Executed counterparts may be delivered by facsimile transmission.

[Signatures on following page.]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties to this Agreement has caused this Agreement to be signed and delivered by its duly authorized officers, as of the date first written above.

ATTEST: AMERICAN BANKING

COMPANY

By:

Secretary Its:

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST: ISLANDS COMMUNITY BANK,

N.A.

By:

Secretary Its:

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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Schedule 2.4

Directors of Surviving Bank

Johnny W. Floyd

J. Raymond Fulp

Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.

Kenneth J. Hunnicutt

Daniel B. Jeter

Glenn A. Kirbo

Robert P. Lynch

Brooks Sheldon

Eugene M. Vereen, Jr.

Henry C. Wortman

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Schedule 2.5

Executive Officers of Surviving Bank

President and CEO: Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer: Dennis J. Zember Jr.
Executive Vice President: Jon S. Edwards
Executive Vice President: Thomas T. Dampier
Executive Vice President: Cindi H. Lewis
Executive Vice President: Johnny R. Myers
Executive Vice President: Ronnie F. Marchant

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EXHIBIT 3.5(a)

LIST OF HOLDERS OF TARGET OPTIONS

Name	Number
Patsy Masters	2,500
John Perrill	9,450
Byron Richardson	2,000
Jimmy Mullins	19,919
Chris Gibson	1,000
Carol Nelson	5,000
Jane Langford	1.000

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LIST OF HOLDERS OF TARGET WARRANTS

Name	Number
Paul Dunnavant	12,051
Louis Dore	11,005
Stan Kirkland	9,919
Edward McNeil	11,005
Frank Ward	3,724
Frances Nicholson	12,300
Martin Goodman	11,204
Bruce Wyles	11,404
Daryl Ferguson	19,919
Narayan Shenoy	10,019

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EXHIBIT 3.6(b)

, 2006

RE: Warrants for Shares of Common Stock of Islands Bancorp

Dear

As you know, Islands Bancorp (Islands) has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with Ameris Bancorp (Ameris) and certain of their respective subsidiaries which provides, among other things, for the merger of Islands with and into Ameris (the Merger). In connection with the Merger, shareholders of Islands will receive in exchange for their shares of common stock of Islands, no par value (Islands Common Stock), cash or shares (the Merger Consideration) of common stock of Ameris (Ameris Common Stock). Pursuant to the terms of one or more warrant agreements issued to you by Islands (each a Warrant), you have the right to acquire shares of Islands Common Stock (the Warrant Shares) at \$10.00 per share. This letter will clarify the status of your Warrants in connection with the Merger.

The Merger Agreement provides that, upon consummation of the Merger, your Warrants will be converted into the right to receive cash or shares Ameris Common Stock. In lieu of giving effect to the provisions of any Warrant, you hereby consent and agree that Ameris will issue to you with respect to the Warrant Shares for which your Warrants may be exercised either cash or shares of Ameris Common Stock as set forth in Section 3.6 of the Merger Agreement.

You must make your election to receive cash or shares of Ameris Common Stock no later than , 2006 on the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, if you do not make an election by this date, you will be deemed to have made a default election to receive cash for 50% of your Warrant Shares and Ameris Common Stock for 50% of your Warrant Shares.

Please acknowledge your agreement with the terms of this letter by signing where indicated below. By signing hereunder, you agree and acknowledge that your consent to receive cash or Ameris Common Stock for your Warrants is irrevocable and that, upon the consummation of the Merger, all Warrants held by you on the Closing Date shall be cancelled, and all rights thereunder shall cease to exist except as provided in this letter.

Sincerely,

Ameris Bancorp [Acknowledgement on following page]

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Acknowledgment of Warrant Holder

Warrant Holder acknowledges and agrees to the terms this letter from Ameris Bancorp as of this $\;$ day of $\;$, 2006.

(Warrant Holder)

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(B) the exercise price for each Warrant Share; or

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FORM OF WARRANT ELECTION

exchange for each of my Warrants:

[] (a) cash in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate number of Warrant Shares for which my Warrants may be exercised, multiplied by (ii) the difference

between (A) the Target Stock Price (as defined in the Merger Agreement) and

Pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Merger Agreement, I hereby elect to receive in

[] (b) a number of shares of Ameris Common Stock equal to (i) the aggregate number of Warrant Shares for which my Warrant may be exercised, multiplied by (ii) the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the difference between (1) the Target Stock Price (as defined in the Merger Agreement) and (2) the exercise price for each Warrant Share, by (B) the Average Market Price (as defined in the Merger Agreement).

WARRANT HOLDER

Signature

Name:

Date:

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EXHIBIT 7.10

AFFILIATE AGREEMENT

Ameris Bancorp

24 2nd Avenue, S.E.

Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Attention: President

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned is a shareholder of Islands Bancorp (Target), a South Carolina corporation, and will become a shareholder of Ameris Bancorp (Purchaser) pursuant to the transactions described in the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 15, 2006 (the Agreement), by and between Target and Purchaser and certain of their respective subsidiaries. Under the terms of the Agreement, Target will be merged into and with Purchaser (the Merger), and the shares of the no par value common stock of Target (Target Common Stock) will be converted into and exchanged for cash or shares of the \$1.00 par value common stock of Purchaser (Purchaser Common Stock). This Affiliate Agreement represents an agreement between the undersigned and Purchaser regarding certain rights and obligations of the undersigned in connection with the shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be received by the undersigned as a result of the Merger.

In consideration of the Merger and the mutual covenants contained herein, the undersigned and Purchaser hereby agree as follows:

- 1. *Affiliate Status*. The undersigned understands and agrees that as to Target the undersigned is an affiliate under Rule 145(c) as defined in Rule 405 of the Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (1933 Act), and the undersigned anticipates that the undersigned will be such an affiliate at the time of the Merger.
- 2. *Covenants and Warranties of Undersigned*. The undersigned represents, warrants and agrees that:
- (a) The Purchaser Common Stock received by the undersigned as a result of the Merger will be taken for his or her own account and not for others, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part.
- (b) Purchaser has informed the undersigned that any distribution by the undersigned of Purchaser Common Stock has not been registered under the 1933 Act and that shares of Purchaser Common Stock received pursuant to the Merger can only be sold by the undersigned (i) following registration under the 1933 Act, or (ii) in conformity with the volume and other requirements of Rule 145(d) promulgated by the SEC as the same now exist or may hereafter be amended, or (iii) to the extent some other exemption from registration under the 1933 Act might be available. The undersigned understands that Purchaser is under no obligation to file a registration statement with the SEC covering the disposition of the undersigned s shares of Purchaser Common Stock.

3. Restrictions on Transfer.

(a) The undersigned understands and agrees that stop transfer instructions with respect to the shares of Purchaser Common Stock received by the undersigned pursuant to the Merger will be given to Purchaser s Transfer Agent and that there will be placed on the certificates for such shares, or shares issued in substitution thereof, a legend stating in substance:

The shares represented by this certificate may not be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of except or unless (i) covered by an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (ii) in accordance with (x) Rule 145(d) (in the case of shares issued to an individual who is *not* an affiliate of Purchaser) or (y) Rule 144 (in the case of shares issued to an individual who is an affiliate of Purchaser) of the Rules and Regulations of such Act, or (iii) in accordance with a legal opinion satisfactory to counsel for Purchaser that such sale or transfer is otherwise exempt from the registration requirements of such Act.

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- (b) Such legend will also be placed on any certificate representing Purchaser securities issued subsequent to the original issuance of the Purchaser Common Stock pursuant to the Merger as a result of any stock dividend, stock split or other recapitalization as long as the Purchaser Common Stock issued to the undersigned pursuant to the Merger has not been transferred in such manner to justify the removal of the legend therefrom. In addition, if the provisions of Rules 144 and 145 are amended to eliminate restrictions applicable to the Purchaser Common Stock received by the undersigned pursuant to the Merger, or at the expiration of the restrictive period set forth in Rule 145(d), Purchaser, upon the request of the undersigned, will cause the certificates representing the shares of Purchaser Common Stock issued to the undersigned in connection with the Merger to be reissued free of any legend relating to the restrictions set forth in Rules 144 and 145(d) upon receipt by Purchaser of an opinion of its counsel to the effect that such legend may be removed.
- 4. *Understanding of Restrictions on Dispositions*. The undersigned has carefully read the Agreement and this Affiliate Agreement and discussed their requirements and impact upon his or her ability to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock received by the undersigned in connection with the Merger, to the extent he or she believes necessary, with his or her counsel or counsel for Target.
- 5. *Filing of Reports by Purchaser*. Purchaser agrees, for a period of three years after the effective date of the Merger, to file on a timely basis all reports required to be filed by it pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act), so that the public information provisions of Rule 145(d) promulgated by the SEC as the same are presently in effect will be available to the undersigned in the event the undersigned desires to transfer any shares of Purchaser Common Stock issued to the undersigned pursuant to the Merger.
- 6. *Transfer Under Rule 145(d)*. If the undersigned desires to sell or otherwise transfer the shares of Purchaser Common Stock received by him or her in connection with the Merger at any time during the restrictive period set forth in Rule 145(d), the undersigned will provide the necessary representation letter to the Transfer Agent for Purchaser Common Stock, together with such additional information as the Transfer Agent may reasonably request. If Purchaser s counsel concludes that such proposed sale or transfer complies with the requirements of Rule 145(d), Purchaser shall cause such counsel, at Purchaser s expense, to provide such opinions as may be necessary to Purchaser s Transfer Agent so that the undersigned may complete the proposed sale or transfer.
- 7. Acknowledgments. The undersigned recognizes and agrees that the foregoing provisions also apply with respect to Target Common Stock held by, and Purchaser Common Stock issued in connection with the Merger to, (a) the undersigned s spouse, (b) any relative of the undersigned or of the undersigned s spouse who has the same home as the undersigned, (c) any trust or estate in which the undersigned, the undersigned s spouse, and any such relative collectively own at least a 10% beneficial interest or of which any of the foregoing serves as trustee, executor or in any similar capacity, and (d) any corporation or other organization in which the undersigned, the undersigned s spouse and any such relative collectively own at least 10% of any class of equity securities or of the equity interest.
- 8. *Miscellaneous*. This Affiliate Agreement is the complete agreement between Purchaser and the undersigned concerning the subject matter hereof. Any notice required to be sent to any party hereunder shall be sent by

registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, using the addresses set forth herein or such other address as shall be furnished in writing by the parties. This Affiliate Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

[Signatures on next page.]

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This Affiliate Agreement is executed as of the	day of	, 2006.
	Very truly yours,	
	,, , ,	
	Signature	
	Print Name	
	Address	
	Telephone No.	
AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED as of		
, 2006		
AMERIS BANCORP		
By:		
Its:		
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EXHIBIT 7.14

SHAREHOLDER VOTING AGREEMENT

This **SHAREHOLDER VOTING AGREEMENT** (the Agreement) is entered into as of 2006, by and among **AMERIS BANCORP**, a Georgia corporation (Ameris), and (each a Shareholder and collectively the Shareholders).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, each Shareholder beneficially owns (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) and is entitled to dispose of (or to direct the disposition of) and to vote (or to direct the voting of) the number of shares of common stock, no par value per share (the Common Stock), of Islands Bancorp (the Company), set forth opposite such Shareholder's name on Schedule I hereto (such shares of Common Stock, together with any other shares of Common Stock the voting power over which is acquired by any Shareholder during the period from and including the date hereof through and including the date on which this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, are collectively referred to herein as the Subject Shares);

WHEREAS, Ameris and the Company and certain of their respective subsidiaries propose to enter into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of the date hereof (the Merger Agreement), pursuant to which, among other things, the Company will merge with and into Ameris (the Merger); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the willingness of Ameris to enter into the Merger Agreement, and as an inducement and in consideration therefor, each Shareholder is executing this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual premises, representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 *Capitalized Terms*. For purposes of this Agreement, capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Merger Agreement.

Section 1.2 Other Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement:

(a) Affiliate means, with respect to any specified Person, any Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Person specified. For purposes of this Agreement, with respect to each Shareholder, the term Affiliate shall not include the Company and the Persons that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, are controlled by the Company.

- (c) Person means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, trust, unincorporated organization, other entity or group.
- (d) Representative means, with respect to any particular Person, any director, officer, employee, accountant, consultant, legal counsel, investment banker, advisor, agent or other representatives of such Person.

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ARTICLE II

VOTING AGREEMENT AND IRREVOCABLE PROXY

Section 2.1 Agreement to Vote the Subject Shares. Each Shareholder, in his or her capacity as such, hereby agrees that, during the period commencing on the date hereof and continuing until the termination of this Agreement (such period, the Voting Period), at any meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof) of the Company s shareholders, however called, or in connection with any written consent of the Company s shareholders, such Shareholder shall vote (or cause to be voted) its Subject Shares (x) in favor of the approval of the terms of the Merger Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement (and any actions required in furtherance thereof), (y) against any action, proposal, transaction or agreement that would result in a breach in any respect of any covenant, representation or warranty or any other obligation or agreement of the Company contained in the Merger Agreement or of any Shareholder contained in this Agreement, and (z) except with the written consent of Ameris, against the following actions or proposals (other than the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement): (i) any Takeover Proposal; and (ii) (A) any change in the persons who constitute the board of directors of the Company that is not approved in advance by at least a majority of the persons who were directors of the Company as of the date of this Agreement (or their successors who were so approved); (B) any material change in the present capitalization of the Company or any amendment of the Company s articles of incorporation or bylaws; (C) any other material change in the Company s corporate structure or business; or (D) any other action or proposal involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries that is intended, or could reasonably be expected, to prevent, impede, interfere with, delay, postpone or adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Any such vote shall be cast or consent shall be given in accordance with such procedures relating thereto so as to ensure that it is duly counted for purposes of determining that a quorum is present and for purposes of recording the results of such vote or consent. Each Shareholder agrees not to enter into any agreement or commitment with any Person the effect of which would be inconsistent with or violative of the provisions and agreements contained in this Article II.

Section 2.2 Grant of Irrevocable Proxy. Each Shareholder hereby appoints Ameris and any designee of Ameris, and each of them individually, as such Shareholder s proxy and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to vote or act by written consent during the Voting Period with respect the Subject Shares in accordance with Section 2.1. This proxy is given to secure the performance of the duties of each Shareholder under this Agreement. The Shareholders shall promptly cause a copy of this Agreement to be deposited with the Company at its principal place of business. Each Shareholder shall take such further action or execute such other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this proxy.

Section 2.3 *Nature of Irrevocable Proxy*. The proxy and power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2.2 by each Shareholder shall be irrevocable during the term of this Agreement, shall be deemed to be coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable proxy and shall revoke any and all prior proxies granted by such Shareholder. The power of attorney granted by each Shareholder herein is a durable power of attorney and shall survive the dissolution, bankruptcy, death or incapacity of such Shareholder. The proxy and power of attorney granted hereunder shall terminate upon the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

COVENANTS

Section 3.1 Generally.

(a) Except for pledges in existence as of the date hereof, each Shareholder agrees that during the Voting Period, except as contemplated by the terms of this Agreement, it shall not (i) sell, transfer, tender, pledge, encumber, assign or otherwise dispose of (collectively, a Transfer), or enter into any contract, option or other agreement with respect to, or consent to, a Transfer of, any or all of the Subject Shares; provided, however, that

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any Shareholder may Transfer any or all of its Subject Shares to any other Shareholder and may pledge or encumber any Subject Shares so long as such pledge or encumbrance would not impair any Shareholder s ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or (ii) take any action that would have the effect of preventing, impeding, interfering with or adversely affecting its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) In the event of a stock dividend or distribution, or any change in the Common Stock by reason of any stock dividend or distribution, split-up, recapitalization, combination, exchange of shares or the like, the term Subject Shares shall be deemed to refer to and include the Subject Shares as well as all such stock dividends and distributions and any securities into which or for which any or all of the Subject Shares may be changed or exchanged or which are received in such transaction.

Section 3.2 *Standstill Obligations of Shareholders*. Each Shareholder, jointly and severally, covenants and agrees with Ameris that, during the Voting Period:

- (a) such Shareholder shall not, nor shall such Shareholder permit any controlled Affiliate of such Shareholder to, nor shall such Shareholder act in concert with or permit any controlled Affiliate to act in concert with any Person to make, or in any manner participate in, directly or indirectly, a solicitation of proxies (as such terms are used in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission) or powers of attorney or similar rights to vote, or seek to advise or influence any Person with respect to the voting of, any shares of Common Stock in connection with any vote or other action on any matter, other than to recommend that shareholders of the Company vote in favor of the Merger and the Merger Agreement and otherwise as expressly provided by Article II of this Agreement;
- (b) such Shareholder shall not, nor shall such Shareholder permit any controlled Affiliate of such Shareholder to, nor shall such Shareholder act in concert with or permit any controlled Affiliate to act in concert with any Person to, deposit any shares of Common Stock in a voting trust or subject any shares of Common Stock to any arrangement or agreement with any Person with respect to the voting of such shares of Common Stock, except as provided by Article II of this Agreement; and
- (c) such Shareholder shall not, and shall direct its Representatives not to, directly or indirectly, through any officer, director, agent or otherwise, enter into, solicit, initiate, conduct or continue any discussions or negotiations with, or knowingly encourage or respond to any inquiries or proposals by, or provide any information to, any Person, other than Ameris, relating to any Takeover Proposal, other than in compliance with the terms of the Merger Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF EACH SHAREHOLDER

Each Shareholder hereby represents and warrants, severally and not jointly, to Ameris as follows:

Section 4.1 *Due Organization, etc.* Such Shareholder has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the

transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 4.2 *Ownership of Shares*. Schedule I sets forth, opposite such Shareholder s name, the number of shares of Common Stock over which such Shareholder has record and beneficial ownership as of the date hereof. As of the date hereof, such Shareholder is the lawful owner of the shares of Common Stock denoted as being owned by such Shareholder on Schedule I and has the sole power to vote (or cause to be voted) such shares of Common Stock. Except as set forth on such Schedule I, neither such Shareholder nor any Affiliate of such Shareholder owns or holds any right to acquire any additional shares of any class of capital stock of the Company or other securities of the Company or any interest therein or any voting rights with respect to any securities of the Company. Such Shareholder has good and valid title to the Common Stock denoted as being owned by such Shareholder on Schedule I, free and clear of any and all pledges, mortgages, liens, charges, proxies, voting

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agreements, encumbrances, adverse claims, options, security interests and demands of any nature or kind whatsoever, other than those created by this Agreement or as could not reasonably be expected to impair such Shareholder s ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 4.3 No Conflicts. (i) No filing with any governmental authority, and no authorization, consent or approval of any other Person is necessary for the execution of this Agreement by such Shareholder and the consummation by such Shareholder of the transactions contemplated hereby and (ii) none of the execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Shareholder, the consummation by such Shareholder of the transactions contemplated hereby or compliance by such Shareholder with any of the provisions hereof shall (A) conflict with or result in any breach of the organizational documents of such Shareholder, (B) result in, or give rise to, a violation or breach of or a default under any of the terms of any material contract, understanding, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which such Shareholder is a party or by which such Shareholder or any of its Subject Shares or assets may be bound, or (C) violate any applicable order, writ, injunction, decree, judgment, statute, rule or regulation, except for any of the foregoing as could not reasonably be expected to impair such Shareholder s ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 4.4 *Reliance by Ameris*. Such Shareholder understands and acknowledges that Ameris is entering into the Merger Agreement in reliance upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Shareholder.

ARTICLE V

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF AMERIS

Ameris hereby represents and warrants to the Shareholders as follows:

Section 5.1 *Due Organization, etc.* Ameris is a company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation. Ameris has all necessary corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by Ameris have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of Ameris.

Section 5.2 Conflicts. (i) No filing with any governmental authority, and no authorization, consent or approval of any other Person is necessary for the execution of this Agreement by Ameris and the consummation by Ameris of the transactions contemplated hereby and (ii) none of the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Ameris, the consummation by Ameris of the transactions contemplated hereby shall (A) conflict with or result in any breach of the organizational documents of Ameris, (B) result in, or give rise to, a violation or breach of or a default under any of the terms of any material contract, understanding, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which Ameris is a party or by which Ameris or any of its assets may be bound, or (C) violate any applicable order, writ, injunction, decree, judgment, statute, rule or regulation, except for any of the foregoing as could not reasonably be expected to impair Ameris s ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 5.3 *Reliance by the Shareholders*. Ameris understands and acknowledges that the Shareholders are entering into this Agreement in

reliance upon the execution and delivery of the Merger Agreement by Ameris.

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ARTICLE VI

TERMINATION

Section 6.1 *Termination*. This Agreement shall terminate, become null and void and have no effect upon the earliest to occur of (i) the mutual consent of Ameris and the Shareholders, (ii) the Effective Time, (iii) the date of termination of the Merger Agreement in accordance with its terms, and (iv) the date of any modification, waiver or amendment to the Merger Agreement in a manner that reduces either the Stock Consideration or the Cash Consideration; *provided*, *however*, that termination of this Agreement shall not prevent any party hereunder from seeking any remedies (at law or in equity) against any other party hereto for such party s breach of any of the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Section 7.1 and Sections 7.5 through 7.16, inclusive, of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.1 *Appraisal Rights*. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each Shareholder hereby waives any rights of appraisal or rights to dissent from the Merger that it may have under applicable law.

Section 7.2 *Publication*. Each Shareholder hereby permits Ameris to publish and disclose in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus (including, without limitation, all documents and schedules filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) his or her identity and ownership of shares of Common Stock and the nature of his or her commitments, arrangements and understandings pursuant to this Agreement; provided, however, that such publication and disclosure is subject in all cases to the prior review and comment by the Company and its advisors.

Section 7.3 *Affiliate Letters*. Each Shareholder agrees to execute an affiliate agreement, as soon as practicable after the date hereof, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit 7.10 to the Merger Agreement.

Section 7.4 *Further Actions*. Each of the parties hereto agrees to use its, his or her reasonable best efforts to do all things necessary to effectuate this Agreement.

Section 7.5 Fees and Expenses. Each of the parties shall be responsible for its, his or her own fees and expenses in connection with the entering into of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 7.6 Amendments, Waivers, etc. This Agreement may not be amended, changed, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified, except upon the execution and delivery of a written agreement executed by each of the parties hereto. The failure of any party hereto to exercise any right, power or remedy provided under this Agreement or otherwise available in respect hereof at law or in equity, or to insist upon compliance by any other party hereto with its, his or her obligations hereunder, and any custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof shall not constitute a waiver by such party of its, his or her right to exercise any such or other right, power or remedy or to demand such compliance.

Section 7.7 Specific Performance. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event any of the provisions of this Agreement were not to be performed in accordance with the terms hereof and that the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof in addition to any other remedies at law or in equity.

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Section 7.8 *Notices*. Any notices or other communications required or permitted under, or otherwise in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered in person or upon confirmation of receipt when transmitted by facsimile transmission (with confirmation) or on receipt after dispatch by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed, or on the next Business Day if transmitted by national overnight courier, in each case as follows:

If to Ameris, addressed to it at:

Ameris Bancorp

24 2nd Avenue, S.E.

Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Telecopy Number: (229) 890-2235

Attention: President

with a copy to:

Rogers & Hardin LLP

2700 International Tower, Peachtree Center

229 Peachtree Street, N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Telecopy Number: (404) 525-2224

Attention: Steven E. Fox, Esq.

If to Target, addressed to:

with a copy to:

Section 7.9 *Headings*. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 7.10 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of Law or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner to the end that transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible.

Section 7.11 *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement (together with the Merger Agreement, to the extent referred to herein) constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 7.13 Assignment. This Agreement shall not be assigned by operation of law or otherwise without the prior written consent of each of the parties, except that Ameris may assign and transfer its rights and obligations hereunder to any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameris.

Section 7.14 *Parties in Interest*. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each party hereto and their respective successors and assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

Section 7.15 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Trial by Jury.

(a) This Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, and all disputes between the parties under or related to the Agreement or the facts and circumstances leading to its execution, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, without regard to the application of South Carolina principles of conflicts of laws.

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(b) EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE IT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY OF THE AGREEMENTS DELIVERED IN CONNECTION HEREWITH OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (I) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE EITHER OF SUCH WAIVERS, (II) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH WAIVERS, (III) IT MAKES SUCH WAIVERS VOLUNTARILY, AND (IV) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 7.15(c).

Section 7.16 *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

[signature page follows]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Ameris has caused this Agreement to be duly executed, and each Shareholder has duly executed this Agreement, all as of the day and year first above written.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: Name:

Title:

[NAMES OF SHAREHOLDERS]

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EXHIBIT 8.2(d)

MATTERS AS TO WHICH TARGET COUNSEL WILL OPINE

- 1. Target is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina with corporate power and authority (a) to conduct its business as described in the Proxy Statement and (b) to own and use its Assets.
- 2. Target Bank is a national bank duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America with all requisite power and authority to conduct its business as described in the Proxy Statement and to own and use its Assets. The deposits of Target Bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent provided by law.
- 3. Target's authorized shares consist of shares of Common Stock, no par value per share, of which shares were outstanding as of , 2006, and shares of Preferred Stock, of which were outstanding as of , 2006. The outstanding shares of Target Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued, were not issued in violation of any statutory preemptive rights of shareholders, and are fully paid and nonassessable. To our knowledge, except for Target Options and as Previously Disclosed, there are no options, subscriptions, warrants, calls, rights or commitments obligating Target to issue equity securities or acquire its equity securities.
- 4. Target owns directly or indirectly all the issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of Target Bank. To our knowledge, there are no options, subscriptions, warrants, calls, rights or commitments obligating Target Bank to issue equity securities or acquire its equity securities.
- 5. The execution and delivery by Target of the Agreement do not, and if Target were now to perform its obligations under the Agreement such performance would not, result in any violation of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Target or the Articles of Association or Bylaws of Target Bank or, to our knowledge, result in any breach of, or default or acceleration under, any Material Contract or Order to which Target or Target Bank is a party or by which Target or Target Bank is bound.
- 6. The execution and delivery by Target Bank of the Bank Merger Agreement do not, and if Target Bank were now to perform its obligations under the Bank Merger Agreement such performance would not, result in any violation of the Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Association or Bylaws of either Target Bank or, to our knowledge, result in any breach of, or default or acceleration under, any Material Contract or Order to which Target Bank is a party or by which Target Bank is bound.
- 7. Target has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Agreement and all performance by Target thereunder and has duly executed and delivered the Agreement.
- 8. The Agreement is enforceable against Target.
- 9. Target Bank has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Bank Merger Agreement and all performance by it thereunder and has duly executed and delivered the Bank Merger Agreement.

10. The Bank Merger Agreement is enforceable against Target Bank.

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EXHIBIT 8.2(f)

NON-COMPETITION AND NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

THIS NON-COMPETITION AND NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (the Agreement) is made and entered into as of the day of , 2006 by and between AMERIS BANCORP, a Georgia corporation (Ameris), and [NAME OF DIRECTOR], an individual resident of the State of (Director).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) dated as of August 15, 2006 between Ameris and Islands Bancorp (Islands) and certain of their respective subsidiaries, Ameris and Islands have agreed, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, to a strategic combination of Ameris and Islands, and the shareholders of Islands will receive a combination of cash and shares of Ameris Common Stock in exchange for their shares of the common stock of Islands (the Merger);

WHEREAS, prior to the Merger, Islands was, and after the Merger, Ameris will continue to be, in the business of owning and operating financial institutions engaged in the business of banking, including, without limitation, the solicitation of time and demand deposits and the making of residential, consumer, commercial and corporate loans;

WHEREAS, Director is currently a shareholder and director of Islands, has heretofore been responsible for overseeing the management of the business of Islands, and has knowledge of the trade secrets, customer information and other confidential and proprietary information of Islands and its subsidiary;

WHEREAS, the execution of this Agreement is contemplated by the Merger Agreement, to which this Agreement is attached as Exhibit 8.2(g);

WHEREAS, in order to protect the goodwill of the business of Islands and the other value to be acquired by Ameris pursuant to the Merger Agreement, for which Ameris is paying substantial consideration, Ameris and Director have agreed that Ameris obligation to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement are subject to the condition, among others, that Director shall have entered into this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Director acknowledges that the provisions of this Agreement are reasonable and necessary to protect the legitimate interest of Ameris and the business and goodwill acquired by it pursuant to the Merger Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce Ameris to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, Director is willing to enter into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. *Definitions*. As used in this Agreement, terms defined in the preamble and recitals of this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth therein and the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- (a) Ameris Market shall mean the geographic area within a radius of fifty (50) miles of the main office of Islands Community Bank, N.A., located at 2348 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902.
- (b) Competitive Business shall mean any Person engaged in the business of banking, including, without limitation, the solicitation of time and demand deposits and the making of residential, consumer, commercial and corporate loans.

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- (c) Confidential Information shall mean all client and vendor lists, marketing arrangements, business plans, projections, financial information, training manuals, pricing manuals, product development plans, market strategies, internal performance statistics and other competitively sensitive information concerning Ameris, Islands and their respective subsidiaries which is material to Ameris and Islands and not generally known by the public, other than Trade Secrets, whether or not in written or tangible form.
- (d) Key Employee shall mean any Person who is employed in a management, executive, supervisory, training, marketing or sales capacity for another Person.
- (e) Person shall mean any individual, corporation, firm, unincorporated organization, association, partnership, limited liability company, trust (inter vivos or testamentary), estate of a deceased, insane or incompetent individual, business trust, joint stock company, joint venture or other organization, entity or business, whether acting in an individual, fiduciary or other capacity.
- (f) Restricted Period shall mean the period from the date hereof until the first (1st) anniversary of the Effective Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement).
- (g) Trade Secrets shall mean Trade Secrets, as defined in the Georgia Trade Secrets Act, and shall include, without limitation, the whole or any portion or phase of any technical information, designs, processes, procedures or improvements that are valuable and not generally known to the competitors of Ameris or Islands, whether or not in written or tangible form.
- **2.** No Competing Business. Director hereby agrees that during the Restricted Period, except as permitted by Section 5 of this Agreement, Director will not, directly or indirectly, render any services to, or serve in a capacity with, any Competitive Business in the Ameris Market that is substantially similar or identical to the services which he performed for, or the capacity in which he served, Islands at any time during the two years prior to the date of this Agreement, without regard to (a) whether the Competitive Business has its office or other business facilities within the Ameris Market, or (b) whether Director resides or reports to an office within the Ameris Market.

3. No Solicitation.

- **3.1** Director hereby agrees that during the Restricted Period, except as permitted by Section 5 of this Agreement, Director will not, directly or indirectly, solicit, divert or take away the business of any customer of Ameris Bancorp or American Banking Company within the Ameris Market.
- **3.2** Director hereby agrees that during the Restricted Period, except as permitted by Section 5 of this Agreement, Director will not, directly or indirectly, recruit, solicit or otherwise induce or influence any Key Employee of Ameris Bancorp or American Banking Company to discontinue such employment or agency relationship.

4. No Disclosure of Proprietary Information.

4.1 Director hereby agrees that he will not directly or indirectly disclose to anyone, or use or otherwise exploit for his own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than Ameris and Islands and their respective subsidiaries, any Trade Secrets for as long as they remain Trade Secrets, except as permitted by

Section 5 of this Agreement.

- **4.2** Director hereby agrees that, during the Restricted Period, he will not directly or indirectly disclose to anyone, or use or otherwise exploit for Director s own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than Ameris and Islands and their respective subsidiaries, any Confidential Information, except as permitted by Section 5 of this Agreement.
- **5.** *Permitted Activities*. The restrictions set forth in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Agreement shall not apply to actions taken by Director during the time he is employed by Ameris or Islands or any of their respective subsidiaries to the extent, but only to the extent, that such actions are expressly approved by the Board of Directors of Ameris.

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- **6.** Representations and Warranties. Director represents and warrants that this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Director, enforceable against him in accordance with its terms. Director represents and warrants that he has no right, title, interest or claim in, to or under any Trade Secrets or Confidential Information.
- **7.** *Waivers.* Ameris will not be deemed as a consequence of any act, delay, failure, omission, forbearance or other indulgences granted from time to time by Ameris or for any other reason (a) to have waived, or to be estopped from exercising, any of its rights or remedies under this Agreement, or (b) to have modified, changed, amended, terminated, rescind, or superseded any of the terms of this Agreement.
- **8.** *Injunctive Relief.* Director acknowledges (a) that any violation of this Agreement will result in irreparable injury to Ameris; (b) that damages at law would not be reasonable or adequate compensation to Ameris for violation of this Agreement; and (c) that Ameris shall be entitled to have the provisions of this Agreement specifically enforced by preliminary and permanent injunctive relief without the necessity of proving actual damages and without posting bond or other security, as well as to an equitable accounting of all earnings, profits and other benefits arising out of any such violation.
- **9.** *Notices*. All notices and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by any of the following methods: (a) personal delivery; (b) facsimile transmission; (c) registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or (d) overnight delivery service requiring acknowledgment of receipt. Any such notice or communication shall be sent to the appropriate party at its address or facsimile number given below (or at such other address or facsimile number for such party as shall be specified by notice given hereunder):

To Ameris:

Ameris Bancorp

24 2nd Avenue, SE

Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Fax No. (229) 890-2235

Attn: Chief Executive Officer

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice to Ameris) to:

Rogers & Hardin LLP

2700 International Tower, Peachtree Center

229 Peachtree Street, N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Fax No.: (404) 525-2224

Attn: Steven E. Fox, Esq.

To Director:

[NAME]

[ADDRESS AND FAX NUMBER]

All such notices and communications shall be deemed received upon (a) actual receipt thereof by the addressee; (b) actual delivery thereof to the appropriate address as evidenced by an acknowledged receipt; or (c) in the case of a facsimile transmission, upon transmission thereof by the sender and confirmation of receipt. In the case of notices or communications sent by facsimile transmission, the sender shall contemporaneously mail a copy of the notice or communication to the addressee at the address provided for above; provided, however, that such mailing shall in no way alter the time at which the facsimile notice or communication is deemed received.

10. Successors in Interest. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, and any reference to a party hereto shall also be a reference to any such heir, legal representative, successor or assign.

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- **11.** *Number; Gender.* Whenever the context so requires, the singular number shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular, and the gender of any pronoun shall include the other genders.
- **12.** *Captions*. The titles and captions contained in this Agreement are inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope of this Agreement or the intent of any provision hereof. Unless otherwise specified to the contrary, all references to Sections are references to Sections of this Agreement.

13. Controlling Law; Consent to Jurisdiction.

- **13.1** This Agreement, and all disputes between the parties under or related to this Agreement or the facts and circumstances leading to its execution, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, without regard to the application of Georgia principles of conflicts of laws.
- **13.2** Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Georgia State court, or Federal court of the United States of America, sitting in Georgia, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment relating thereto, and each of the parties hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (a) agrees not to commence any such action or proceeding except in such courts; (b) agrees that any claim in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such Georgia State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court; (c) waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such action or proceeding in any such Georgia State or Federal court; and (d) waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such Georgia State or Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.
- **14.** *Integration; Amendment.* This Agreement and the documents executed pursuant hereto or in connection herewith supersede all negotiations, agreements and understandings among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented except by written agreement of the parties hereto.
- **15.** *Severability*. Any provision hereof which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction will, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction will not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. To the extent permitted by law, the parties hereto waive any provision of law which renders any such provision prohibited or unenforceable in any respect. In the event that any provision of this Agreement should ever be deemed to exceed the time, geographic, product or service or any other limitations permitted by applicable law, then such provision shall be deemed reformed to

the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

16. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Agreement or the terms hereof to produce or account for more than one of such counterparts. Executed counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered via facsimile transmission.

17. *Enforcement of Certain Rights.* Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended, or shall be construed, to confer upon or give any person other than the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, or result in such person being deemed a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

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18. Attorneys Fees. If either party hereto brings any action, suit, counterclaim, appeal or arbitration for any relief against the other party hereto, declaratory or otherwise, to enforce the terms hereof or to declare rights hereunder (collectively, an Action), the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to payment of its reasonable attorneys fees and costs incurred in bringing and prosecuting such Action and/or enforcing any judgment, order, ruling, or award (collectively, a Decision) granted therein, all of which shall be deemed to have accrued on the date of commencement of such Action. Any Decision entered in such Action shall contain a specific provision providing for the recovery of attorneys fees and costs incurred in enforcing such Decision.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Director has duly executed and delivered this Agreement, and Ameris has caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered on its behalf by an officer thereunto duly authorized, all as of the date first above written.

[NAME OF DIRECTOR]

AMERIS BANCORP

By: Its:

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EXHIBIT 8.3(d)

MATTERS AS TO WHICH PURCHASER COUNSEL WILL OPINE

- 1. Purchaser is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia with corporate power and authority (a) to conduct its business as described in the Proxy Statement and (b) to own and use its Assets.
- 2. Purchaser Bank is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia with corporate power and authority (a) to conduct its business as described in the Proxy Statement and (b) to own and use its Assets. The deposits of Purchaser Bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent provided by law.
- 3. Purchaser s authorized shares consist of 30,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share, of which shares were , 2006, and 5,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, outstanding as of none of which were outstanding as of , 2006. The outstanding shares of Purchaser Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued, were not issued in violation of any statutory preemptive rights of shareholders, and are fully paid and nonassessable. To our knowledge, except as Previously Disclosed, there are no options, subscriptions, warrants, calls, rights or commitments obligating Purchaser to issue equity securities or acquire its equity securities. The shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued to the shareholders of Target upon consummation of the Merger have been registered under the 1933 Act, and when issued in accordance with the Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
- 4. The execution and delivery by Purchaser of the Agreement do not, and if Purchaser were now to perform its obligations under the Agreement such performance would not, result in any violation of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Purchaser or, to our knowledge, result in any breach of, or default or acceleration under, any Material Contract or Order to which Purchaser is a party or by which Purchaser is bound.
- 5. The execution and delivery by Purchaser Bank of the Bank Merger Agreement do not, and if Purchaser Bank were now to perform its obligations under the Bank Merger Agreement such performance would not, result in any violation of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Purchaser Bank or, to our knowledge, result in any breach of, or default or acceleration under, any Material Contract or Order to which Purchaser Bank is a party or by which Purchaser Bank is bound.
- 6. Purchaser has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Agreement and all performance by Purchaser thereunder and has duly executed and delivered the Agreement.
- 7. The Agreement is enforceable against Purchaser.
- 8. Purchaser Bank has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Bank Merger Agreement and all performance by Purchaser Bank thereunder and has duly executed and delivered the Bank Merger Agreement.
- 9. The Bank Merger Agreement is enforceable against Purchaser Bank.

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APPENDIX B

Title 33 Corporations, Partnerships and Associations

CHAPTER 13.

DISSENTERS RIGHTS

ARTICLE 1.

RIGHT TO DISSENT AND OBTAIN PAYMENT FOR SHARES

SECTION 33-13-101. Definitions.

In this chapter:

- (1) Corporation means the issuer of the shares held by a dissenter before the corporate action, or the surviving or acquiring corporation by merger or share exchange of that issuer.
- (2) Dissenter means a shareholder who is entitled to dissent from corporate action under Section 33-13-102 and who exercises that right when and in the manner required by Sections 33-13-200 through 33-13-280.
- (3) Fair value , with respect to a dissenter s shares, means the value of the shares immediately before the effectuation of the corporate action to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the corporate action to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the corporate action unless exclusion would be inequitable. The value of the shares is to be determined by techniques that are accepted generally in the financial community.
- (4) Interest means interest from the effective date of the corporate action until the date of payment, at the average rate currently paid by the corporation on its principal bank loans or, if none, at a rate that is fair and equitable under all the circumstances.
- (5) Record shareholder means the person in whose name shares are registered in the records of a corporation or the beneficial owner of shares to the extent of the rights granted by a nominee certificate on file with a corporation.
- (6) Beneficial shareholder means the person who is a beneficial owner of shares held by a nominee as the record shareholder.
- (7) Shareholder means the record shareholder or the beneficial shareholder.

SECTION 33-13-102. Right to dissent.

- (A) A shareholder is entitled to dissent from, and obtain payment of the fair value of, his shares in the event of any of the following corporate actions:
- (1) consummation of a plan of merger to which the corporation is a party (i) if shareholder approval is required for the merger by Section 33-11-103 or the articles of incorporation and the shareholder is entitled to vote on the merger or (ii) if the corporation is a subsidiary that is merged with its parent under

Section 33-11-104 or 33-11-108 or if the corporation is a parent that is merged with its subsidiary under Section 33-11-108;

- (2) consummation of a plan of share exchange to which the corporation is a party as the corporation whose shares are to be acquired, if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the plan;
- (3) consummation of a sale or exchange of all, or substantially all, of the property of the corporation other than in the usual and regular course of business, if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the sale or exchange, including a sale in dissolution, but not including a sale pursuant to court order or a sale for cash pursuant to a plan by which all or substantially all of the net proceeds of the sale must be distributed to the shareholders within one year after the date of sale;

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- (4) an amendment of the articles of incorporation that materially and adversely affects rights in respect of a dissenter s shares because it:
- (i) alters or abolishes a preferential right of the shares;
- (ii) creates, alters, or abolishes a right in respect of redemption, including a provision respecting a sinking fund for the redemption or repurchase, of the shares;
- (iii) alters or abolishes a preemptive right of the holder of the shares to acquire shares or other securities;
- (iv) excludes or limits the right of the shares to vote on any matter, or to cumulate votes, other than a limitation by dilution through issuance of shares or other securities with similar voting rights; or
- (v) reduces the number of shares owned by the shareholder to a fraction of a share if the fractional share so created is to be acquired for cash under Section 33-6-104; or
- (5) any corporate action to the extent the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or a resolution of the board of directors provides that voting or nonvoting shareholders are entitled to dissent and obtain payment for their shares;
- (6) the conversion of a corporation into a limited liability company pursuant to Section 33-11-111 or conversion of a corporation into either a general partnership or limited partnership pursuant to Section 33-11-113;
- (7) the consummation of a plan of conversion to a limited liability company pursuant to Section 33-11-111 or to a partnership or limited partnership pursuant to Section 33-11-113.
- (B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), no dissenters—rights under this section are available for shares of any class or series of shares which, at the record date fixed to determine shareholders entitled to receive notice of a vote at the meeting of shareholders to act upon the agreement of merger or exchange, were either listed on a national securities exchange or designated as a national market system security on an interdealer quotation system by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

SECTION 33-13-103. Dissent by nominees and beneficial owners.

- (a) A record shareholder may assert dissenters—rights as to fewer than all the shares registered in his name only if he dissents with respect to all shares beneficially owned by any one person and notifies the corporation in writing of the name and address of each person on whose behalf he asserts dissenters rights. The rights of a partial dissenter under this subsection are determined as if the shares to which he dissents and his other shares were registered in the names of different shareholders.
- (b) A beneficial shareholder may assert dissenters—rights as to shares held on his behalf only if he dissents with respect to all shares of which he is the beneficial shareholder or over which he has power to direct the vote. A beneficial shareholder asserting dissenters—rights to shares held on his behalf shall notify the corporation in writing of the name and address of the record shareholder of the shares, if known to him.

PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF DISSENTERS RIGHTS

SECTION 33-13-200. Notice of dissenters rights.

- (a) If proposed corporate action creating dissenters rights under Section 33-13-102 is submitted to a vote at a shareholders meeting, the meeting notice must state that shareholders are or may be entitled to assert dissenters rights under this chapter and be accompanied by a copy of this chapter.
- (b) If corporate action creating dissenters—rights under Section 33-13-102 is taken without a vote of shareholders, the corporation shall notify in writing all shareholders entitled to assert dissenters—rights that the action was taken and send them the dissenters—notice described in Section 33-13-220.

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SECTION 33-13-210. Notice of intent to demand payment.

- (a) If proposed corporate action creating dissenters—rights under Section 33-13-102 is submitted to a vote at a shareholders—meeting, a shareholder who wishes to assert dissenters—rights (1) must give to the corporation before the vote is taken written notice of his intent to demand payment for his shares if the proposed action is effectuated and (2) must not vote his shares in favor of the proposed action. A vote in favor of the proposed action cast by the holder of a proxy solicited by the corporation shall not disqualify a shareholder from demanding payment for his shares under this chapter.
- (b) A shareholder who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (a) is not entitled to payment for his shares under this chapter.

SECTION 33-13-220. Dissenters notice.

- (a) If proposed corporate action creating dissenters—rights under Section 33-13-102 is authorized at a shareholders—meeting, the corporation shall deliver a written dissenters—notice to all shareholders who satisfied the requirements of Section 33-13-210(a).
- (b) The dissenters notice must be delivered no later than ten days after the corporate action was taken and must:
- (1) state where the payment demand must be sent and where certificates for certificated shares must be deposited;
- (2) inform holders of uncertificated shares to what extent transfer of the shares is to be restricted after the payment demand is received;
- (3) supply a form for demanding payment that includes the date of the first announcement to news media or to shareholders of the terms of the proposed corporate action and requires that the person asserting dissenters—rights certify whether or not he or, if he is a nominee asserting dissenters—rights on behalf of a beneficial shareholder, the beneficial shareholder acquired beneficial ownership of the shares before that date;
- (4) set a date by which the corporation must receive the payment demand, which may not be fewer than thirty nor more than sixty days after the date the subsection (a) notice is delivered and set a date by which certificates for certificated shares must be deposited, which may not be earlier than twenty days after the demand date; and
- (5) be accompanied by a copy of this chapter.

SECTION 33-13-230. Shareholders payment demand.

(a) A shareholder sent a dissenters notice described in Section 33-13-220 must demand payment, certify whether he (or the beneficial shareholder on whose behalf he is asserting dissenters rights) acquired beneficial ownership of the shares before the date set forth in the dissenters notice pursuant to Section 33-13-220(b)(3), and deposit his certificates in accordance with the terms of the notice.

- (b) The shareholder who demands payment and deposits his share certificates under subsection (a) retains all other rights of a shareholder until these rights are canceled or modified by the taking of the proposed corporate action.
- (c) A shareholder who does not comply substantially with the requirements that he demand payment and deposit his share certificates where required, each by the date set in the dissenters notice, is not entitled to payment for his shares under this chapter.

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SECTION 33-13-240. Share restrictions.

- (a) The corporation may restrict the transfer of uncertificated shares from the date the demand for payment for them is received until the proposed corporate action is taken or the restrictions are released under Section 33-13-260.
- (b) The person for whom dissenters rights are asserted as to uncertificated shares retains all other rights of a shareholder until these rights are canceled or modified by the taking of the proposed corporate action.

SECTION 33-13-250. Payment.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 33-13-270, as soon as the proposed corporate action is taken, or upon receipt of a payment demand, the corporation shall pay each dissenter who substantially complied with Section 33-13-230 the amount the corporation estimates to be the fair value of his shares, plus accrued interest.
- (b) The payment must be accompanied by:
- (1) the corporation s balance sheet as of the end of a fiscal year ending not more than sixteen months before the date of payment, an income statement for that year, a statement of changes in shareholders equity for that year, and the latest available interim financial statements, if any;
- (2) a statement of the corporation s estimate of the fair value of the shares and an explanation of how the fair value was calculated;
- (3) an explanation of how the interest was calculated;
- (4) a statement of the dissenter s right to demand additional payment under Section 33-13-280; and
- (5) a copy of this chapter.

SECTION 33-13-260. Failure to take action.

- (a) If the corporation does not take the proposed action within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment and depositing share certificates, the corporation, within the same sixty-day period, shall return the deposited certificates and release the transfer restrictions imposed on uncertificated shares.
- (b) If, after returning deposited certificates and releasing transfer restrictions, the corporation takes the proposed action, it must send a new dissenters notice under Section 33-13-220 and repeat the payment demand procedure.

SECTION 33-13-270. After-acquired shares.

(a) A corporation may elect to withhold payment required by section 33-13-250 from a dissenter as to any shares of which he (or the beneficial owner on whose behalf he is asserting dissenters—rights) was not the beneficial owner on the date set forth in the dissenters—notice as the date of the first announcement to news media or to shareholders of the terms of the proposed corporate action, unless the beneficial ownership of the shares devolved upon

him by operation of law from a person who was the beneficial owner on the date of the first announcement.

(b) To the extent the corporation elects to withhold payment under subsection (a), after taking the proposed corporate action, it shall estimate the fair value of the shares, plus accrued interest, and shall pay this amount to each dissenter who agrees to accept it in full satisfaction of his demand. The corporation shall send with its offer a statement of its estimate of the fair value of the shares, an explanation of how the fair value and interest were calculated, and a statement of the dissenter s right to demand additional payment under Section 33-13-280.

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SECTION 33-13-280. Procedure if shareholder dissatisfied with payment or offer.

- (a) A dissenter may notify the corporation in writing of his own estimate of the fair value of his shares and amount of interest due and demand payment of his estimate (less any payment under Section 33-13-250) or reject the corporation s offer under Section 33-13-270 and demand payment of the fair value of his shares and interest due, if the:
- (1) dissenter believes that the amount paid under Section 33-13-250 or offered under Section 33-13-270 is less than the fair value of his shares or that the interest due is calculated incorrectly;
- (2) corporation fails to make payment under Section 33-13-250 or to offer payment under Section 33-13-270 within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment; or
- (3) corporation, having failed to take the proposed action, does not return the deposited certificates or release the transfer restrictions imposed on uncertificated shares within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment.
- (b) A dissenter waives his right to demand additional payment under this section unless he notifies the corporation of his demand in writing under subsection (a) within thirty days after the corporation made or offered payment for his shares.

ARTICLE 3.

JUDICIAL APPRAISAL OF SHARES

SECTION 33-13-300. Court action.

- (a) If a demand for additional payment under Section 33-13-280 remains unsettled, the corporation shall commence a proceeding within sixty days after receiving the demand for additional payment and petition the court to determine the fair value of the shares and accrued interest. If the corporation does not commence the proceeding within the sixty-day period, it shall pay each dissenter whose demand remains unsettled the amount demanded.
- (b) The corporation shall commence the proceeding in the circuit court of the county where the corporation s principal office (or, if none in this State, its registered office) is located. If the corporation is a foreign corporation without a registered office in this State, it shall commence the proceeding in the county in this State where the principal office (or, if none in this State, the registered office) of the domestic corporation merged with or whose shares were acquired by the foreign corporation was located.
- (c) The corporation shall make all dissenters (whether or not residents of this State) whose demands remain unsettled parties to the proceeding as in an action against their shares and all parties must be served with a copy of the petition. Nonresidents may be served by registered or certified mail or by publication, as provided by law.
- (d) The jurisdiction of the court in which the proceeding is commenced under subsection (b) is plenary and exclusive. The court may appoint persons as

appraisers to receive evidence and recommend decisions on the question of fair value. The appraisers have the powers described in the order appointing them or in any amendment to it. The dissenters are entitled to the same discovery rights as parties in other civil proceedings.

(e) Each dissenter made a party to the proceeding is entitled to judgment for the amount, if any, by which the court finds the fair value of his shares, plus interest, exceeds the amount paid by the corporation.

SECTION 33-13-310. Court costs and counsel fees.

(a) The court in an appraisal proceeding commenced under Section 33-13-300 shall determine all costs of the proceeding, including the reasonable compensation and expenses of appraisers appointed by the court. The

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court shall assess the costs against the corporation, except that the court may assess costs against all or some of the dissenters, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds the dissenters acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith in demanding payment under Section 33-13-280.

- (b) The court also may assess the fees and expenses of counsel and experts for the respective parties, in amounts the court finds equitable:
- (1) against the corporation and in favor of any or all dissenters if the court finds the corporation did not comply substantially with the requirements of Sections 33-13-200 through 33-13-280; or
- (2) against either the corporation or a dissenter, in favor of any other party, if the court finds that the party against whom the fees and expenses are assessed acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by this chapter.
- (c) If the court finds that the services of counsel for any dissenter were of substantial benefit to other dissenters similarly situated, and that the fees for those services should not be assessed against the corporation, the court may award to these counsel reasonable fees to be paid out of the amounts awarded the dissenters who were benefited.
- (d) In a proceeding commenced by dissenters to enforce the liability under Section 33-13-300(a) of a corporation that has failed to commence an appraisal proceeding within the sixty-day period, the court shall assess the costs of the proceeding and the fees and expenses of dissenters counsel against the corporation and in favor of the dissenters.

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APPENDIX C

August 15, 2006

Board of Directors

Islands Bancorp

2348 Boundary Street

Beaufort, SC 29902

Members of the Board:

You have requested our opinion as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of the outstanding shares of common stock of Islands Bancorp (Islands) of the consideration to be received by the shareholders of Islands (the consideration) in the Merger (the Merger) of Islands with Ameris Bancorp (Ameris) pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 15, 2006 by and between Islands and Ameris (the Agreement). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms used in this opinion are those used in the Agreement.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Target Stock Price to be received by holders of Islands common stock for each share of Islands common stock will be \$22.50 unless the Tangible Capital of Islands is less than \$6,150,000 but greater than or equal to \$6,000,000, in which case it will be \$22.25. Islands holders will be able to elect to receive their consideration as either (i) cash, (ii) shares of Ameris common stock, or (iii) a combination of cash and Ameris common stock. Unless exercised by the holder prior to closing, warrants to purchase Islands common stock will be exchanged for either (i) a cash amount equal to the difference between the Target Stock Price and the exercise price of the warrants or (ii) shares of Ameris common stock equal to the value of the difference between the Target Stock Price and the exercise price of the warrants. Unless exercised by the holder prior to closing, options to purchase Islands common stock will be exchanged for a cash amount equal to the difference between the Target Stock Price and the exercise price. The terms of the transaction are more fully set forth in the Agreement.

For purposes of this opinion and in connection with our review of the proposed transaction, we have, among other things:

- 1. Participated in discussions with representatives of Islands and Ameris concerning Islands and Ameris financial condition, businesses, assets, earnings, prospects, and such senior management s views as to its future financial performance;
- 2. Reviewed the terms of the Agreement;
- 3. Reviewed certain financial statements, both audited (where available) and unaudited, and related financial information of Islands, including its audited financial statements for the three years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, unaudited financial statements for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006, as well as other internally and externally generated reports and documents;

- 4. Reviewed certain financial statements, both audited (where available) and unaudited, and related financial information of Ameris, including its audited financial statements for the two years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 and unaudited financial statements for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006, as well as other internally and externally generated reports and documents;
- 5. Reviewed certain financial forecasts and projections of Islands and Ameris, prepared by their respective management teams;
- 6. Reviewed historical trading activity of Ameris common stock; and
- 7. Reviewed certain of the financial terms, to the extent publicly available, of certain recent business combinations involving other financial institutions.

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Board of Directors

Islands Bancorp

August 15, 2006

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We have assumed and relied, without independent verification, upon the accuracy and completeness of all of the financial and other information that has been provided to us by Islands, Ameris, and their respective representatives, and of the publicly available information that was reviewed by us. We are not experts in the evaluation of allowances for loan losses and have not independently verified such allowances, and have relied on and assumed that the aggregate allowances for loan losses set forth in the balance sheets of each of Islands and Ameris at June 30, 2006 are adequate to cover such losses and complied fully with applicable law, regulatory policy and sound banking practice as of the date of such financial statements. We were not retained to and we did not conduct a physical inspection of any of the properties or facilities of Islands or Ameris, did not make any independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets, liabilities or prospects of Islands or Ameris, were not furnished with any such evaluation or appraisal, and did not review any individual credit files. Our opinion is necessarily based on economic, market, and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to us as of, the date hereof.

Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett, Inc., as part of its investment banking business, is regularly engaged in the valuation of banks and bank holding companies, thrifts and thrift holding companies, and various other financial services companies, in connection with mergers and acquisitions, initial and secondary offerings of securities, and valuations for other purposes. In rendering this fairness opinion, we have acted on behalf of the Board of Directors of Islands and will receive a fee for our services.

Our opinion as expressed herein is limited to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration to be paid to holders of Islands common stock in the Merger and does not address Islands—underlying business decision to proceed with the Merger. Furthermore, our opinion as expressed herein does not address the ability of the Merger to be consummated, the satisfaction of the conditions precedent contained in the Agreement, or the likelihood of the Merger receiving regulatory approval. Although we have been retained on behalf of the Board of Directors of Islands, our opinion does not constitute a recommendation to any director of Islands as to how such director should vote with respect to the Agreement.

Except as hereinafter provided, this opinion may not be disclosed, communicated, reproduced, disseminated, quoted or referred to at any time, to any third party or in any manner or for any purpose whatsoever without our prior written consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, based upon review by us of the content of any such public reference, which shall be satisfactory to us in our reasonable judgment, although this opinion may be included in its entirety in the proxy statement of Islands used to solicit stockholder approval of the Merger so long as any description of or reference to us or this opinion and the related analysis in such filing is in a form acceptable to us. This letter is addressed and directed to the Board of Directors of Islands in your consideration of the Merger and is not intended to be and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how such

stockholder should vote with respect to the Merger. The opinion herein expressed is intended solely for the benefit of the Board of Directors in connection with the matters addressed herein and may not be relied upon by any other person or entity, or for any other purpose without our written consent.

Subject to the foregoing and based on our experience as investment bankers, our activities as described above, and other factors we have deemed relevant, we are of the opinion as of the date hereof that the consideration is fair, from a financial point of view, to the holders of Islands common stock.

Sincerely,
Howe Barnes Hoefer &
Arnett, Inc.

/s/ WILLIAM J. WAGNER
William J. Wagner
First Vice President and
Managing Director

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APPENDIX D

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-KSB

(Mark One)

x Annual report under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For fiscal year ended DECEMBER 31, 2005

" Transition report under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from

to

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-29267

ISLANDS BANCORP

(Name of small business issuer in its charter)

SOUTH CAROLINA (State or other jurisdiction of

57-1082388 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

2348 BOUNDARY STREET, BEAUFORT, SC 29902

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(843) 521-1968

(Issuer s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: NONE.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE PER SHARE.

Check whether the issuer is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. "

Check whether the issuer: (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for past 90 days. Yes x No "

Check if there is no disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No"

State issuer s revenue for its most recent fiscal year: \$4,337,576

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the stock was sold, or the average bid and asked prices of such common equity, as of a specified date within the past 60 days: THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF SHARES OF THE COMPANY S COMMON STOCK HELD BY NON-AFFILIATES AS OF MARCH 13, 2006 WAS 487,442. THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRADING MARKET FOR THE COMPANY S COMMON STOCK. BASED ON THE LAST SALE OF THE COMPANY S COMMON STOCK KNOWN TO MANAGEMENT, WHICH OCCURRED ON MARCH 6, 2006 AT \$14.00 PER SHARE, THE AGGREGATE MARKET VALUE OF THE COMPANY S COMMON STOCK HELD BY NON-AFFILIATES IS \$6.824,188.

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE REGISTRANTS

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date. 740,260 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK WERE OUTSTANDING AS OF MARCH 13, 2006.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 are incorporated by reference into Parts I and II. Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, scheduled to be held on April 25, 2006, are incorporated by reference into Part III.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure format (check one): Yes "No x

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PART I

ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Various matters discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Forward-looking statements may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Islands Bancorp (the Company) or Islands Community Bank, N.A. (Islands Community or the Bank) to be materially different from the results described in such forward-looking statements.

Actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors, including, without limitation:

lack of sustained growth in the economy of Beaufort County;

the inability of the Bank to achieve and maintain regulatory capital standards;

changes in the legislative and regulatory environment;

the effects of changes in interest rates on the level and composition of deposits, loan demand, the value of loan collateral, and interest rate risks; and

the effects of competition from commercial banks, thrifts, consumer finance companies, and other financial institutions operating in our market area and elsewhere.

All forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or the Bank are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Both the Company and the Bank disclaim any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Our actual results may differ significantly from those we discuss in these forward-looking statements.

For other factors, risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from estimates and projections contained in these forward-looking statements, please read the Risk Factors section of this Report beginning on page 6.

ISLANDS BANCORP

Islands Bancorp is a South Carolina corporation that was incorporated on July 23, 1999 to organize and serve as the holding company for Islands Community, a national bank. The Bank began operations as a community bank on July 9, 2001. The Bank emphasizes prompt, personalized customer service to the individuals and businesses located in Beaufort County, South Carolina, including the city of Beaufort, and its neighboring islands and communities.

The Company was organized because we believe it provides flexibility that would otherwise not be available to the Bank. For example, the holding company structure makes it easier to raise capital for the Bank because the Company is able to issue securities without the need for prior banking regulatory approval, and the proceeds of debt securities issued by the Company can be invested in the Bank as primary capital.

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ISLANDS COMMUNITY

GENERAL

Islands Community operates as a full-service commercial bank. The Bank offers personal and business checking accounts, money market accounts, savings accounts and various certificates of deposit and individual retirement accounts. The Bank also offers commercial, real estate, installment and other consumer loans. The Bank s real estate loans include commercial real estate, construction and development and residential real estate loans. In addition, the Bank provides such services as cashier s checks, safe-deposit boxes, traveler s checks, banking by mail, online banking and billpay, direct deposit and U.S. Savings Bonds. The Bank also offers MasterCard(R) and Visa(R) credit card services through a correspondent bank as an agent.

PHILOSOPHY

Through our localized management and ownership we believe we are uniquely situated to provide responsive service and quality financial products that are tailored to meet the needs of the individuals and small- to medium-sized businesses located throughout our market area. We believe that local ownership and control allows the Bank to serve its customers more efficiently, helping us to grow both our deposit base and loan portfolio. We have adopted this philosophy in order to attract customers and acquire market share now controlled by other financial institutions operating in our market area.

MARKET AREA AND COMPETITION

Our primary market area consists of a large portion of Beaufort County, which includes the city of Beaufort and the adjacent communities of Port Royal and Burton. It also includes the islands that are northeast of the Broad River and south of the Coosaw River. Some of the major islands in our market area are Lady s Island, Fripp Island, Parris Island, St. Helena Island, Hunting Island, Port Royal Island, Dataw Island and Harbor Island. The city of Beaufort serves as the commercial and retail center for communities in the southern corner of South Carolina and is considered a key economic focal point of the Beaufort County area.

We believe an attractive opportunity exists in our primary market area for a locally headquartered community bank that focuses on personalized service to individuals and businesses. The banking industry in our primary market area has experienced significant consolidation in recent years principally as the result of the liberalization of interstate banking and branching laws.

Consequently, many of our area s former community banks have been acquired by large regional financial institutions headquartered outside our market area.

The Bank competes with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, money market mutual funds and other financial institutions conducting business in the Beaufort County market and elsewhere. Many of the Bank s competitors have equal or greater financial or banking related resources than the Company and the Bank. According to information provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC), as of June 30, 2005, the Beaufort County area was served by 19 banking and savings institutions with 62 offices. These competitors offer the same or similar products and services as the Bank. Currently, the Bank s three largest competitors in terms of market share are Wachovia Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A. and South Carolina B&T, N.A.

The Bank operates a loan production office near the Citadel Mall in Charleston, South Carolina. This limited service office does not accept deposits and offers small business loans guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The Charleston market was selected because of the size of the market and the close proximity to our home office. The Charleston loan production office is not expected to cause a material impact on the Bank s overall operation or safety and soundness while providing an opportunity to generate fee income.

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LENDING SERVICES

LENDING POLICY. The Bank offers a full range of lending products, including commercial, real estate and consumer loans to individuals and small and medium-sized businesses and professional concerns. The Bank generally intends to allocate its loan portfolio as follows:

LOAN CLASSIFICATION	PERCENTAGE
Real estate loans	70%
Consumer loans	10%
Commercial loans.	20%

LOAN APPROVAL AND REVIEW. The Bank has established loan approval policies that provide for various levels of officer lending authority. When the amount of total loans to a single borrower exceeds that individual officer s lending authority, an officer with a higher lending limit or the Bank s Loan Committee determines whether to approve the loan request. The Bank does not make any loans to any of its directors or executive officers unless its board of directors approves the loan, and the terms of the loan are no more favorable than would be available to any other applicant.

LENDING LIMITS. The Bank s lending activities are subject to a variety of lending limits imposed by federal law. Different limits apply in certain circumstances based on the type of loan or the nature of the borrower, including the borrower s relationship to the Bank. In general, however, the Bank may loan any one borrower a maximum amount equal to either of the following:

15% of the Bank s capital and surplus; or

25% of its capital and surplus if the amount that exceeds 15% is fully secured by readily marketable collateral.

Islands Community has not yet established any minimum or maximum loan limits other than the statutory lending limits described above. The Bank may sell loan participations to other financial institutions in order to meet the lending needs of loan customers requiring extensions of credit above the Bank s limits.

CREDIT RISKS. The principal economic risk associated with each category of loans that the Bank makes is the creditworthiness of the borrower. Borrower creditworthiness is affected by general economic conditions and the strength of the relevant business market segment. General economic factors affecting a borrower s ability to repay include interest, inflation and employment rates, as well as other factors affecting a borrower s customers, suppliers and employees.

REAL ESTATE LOANS. The Bank makes commercial real estate loans, construction and development loans, and residential real estate loans. These loans include commercial loans where the Bank takes a security interest in real estate out of an abundance of caution and not as the principal collateral for the loan, but excludes home equity loans, which are classified as consumer loans. The Bank competes for real estate loans with competitors who are well established in the Beaufort County area and have greater resources and lending

limits. As a result, we may have to charge lower interest rates to attract borrowers.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE. The Bank offers commercial real estate loans to developers of both commercial and residential properties. The Bank manages its credit risk by actively monitoring such measures as advance rate, cash flow, collateral value and other appropriate credit factors. Risks associated with commercial real estate loans include the general risk of the failure of each commercial borrower, which will be different for each type of business and commercial entity. We evaluate each business on an individual basis and attempt to determine its business risks and credit profile. Management attempts to reduce credit risks in the commercial real estate portfolio by emphasizing loans on owner-occupied office and retail buildings where the loan-to-value ratio, established by independent appraisals, does not exceed 80 percent. In addition, we may also require personal guarantees of the principal owners.

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CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS. Construction and development loans are made both on a pre-sold and speculative basis. If the borrower has entered into an arrangement to sell the property prior to beginning construction, the loan is considered to be on a pre-sold basis. If the borrower has not entered into an agreement to sell the property prior to beginning construction, the loan is considered to be on a speculative basis. Residential and commercial construction loans are made to builders and developers and to consumers who wish to build their own home. The term of construction and development loans generally are limited to 18 months, although payments may be structured on a longer amortization basis. The ratio of the loan principal to the value of the collateral as established by independent appraisal do not exceed 75 percent. Speculative loans are based on the borrower s financial strength and cash flow position. Loan proceeds are disbursed based on the percentage of completion and only after the project has been inspected by an experienced construction lender or appraiser. These loans generally command higher rates and fees commensurate with the risks warranted in the construction lending field. The risk in construction lending depends upon the performance of the builder in building the project to the plans and specifications of the borrower and the Bank s ability to administer and control all phases of the construction disbursements. Upon completion of the construction, management anticipates that the mortgage will be converted to a permanent loan and may be sold to an investor in the secondary mortgage market.

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LOANS. Residential real estate loans are made to qualified individuals for the purchase of existing single-family residences in our primary market area. These loans conform to the Bank s appraisal policy and real estate lending policy which detail maximum loan-to-value ratios and maturities. We believe these loan-to-value ratios are sufficient to compensate for fluctuations in real estate market value and to minimize losses that could result from a downturn in the residential real estate market. Mortgage loans that do not conform to the Bank s policies are sold in the secondary markets. The risk of these loans depends on the salability of the loan to national investors and on interest rate changes. The Bank limits interest rate risk and credit risk on these loans by locking in the interest rate for each loan with the secondary market investor and receiving the investor s underwriting approval before originating the loan. The Bank retains loans for its portfolio when it has sufficient liquidity to fund the needs of the established customers and when rates are favorable to retain the loans. The loan underwriting standards and policies are generally the same for both loans sold in the secondary market and those retained in the Bank s

CONSUMER AND INSTALLMENT LOANS. Consumer loans include lines of credit and term loans secured by second mortgages on the residences of borrowers for a variety of purposes including home improvements, education and other personal expenditures. Consumer loans also include installment loans to individuals for personal, family and household purposes, including automobile loans to individuals and pre-approved lines of credit. Consumer loans generally involve more risk than first mortgage loans because the collateral for a defaulted loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment of the principal due to damage to the collateral or other loss of value while the remaining deficiency often does not warrant further collection efforts. In addition, consumer loan performance depends upon the borrower's continued financial stability and is, therefore, more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Various federal

and state laws also limit the amount that can be recovered.

COMMERCIAL LOANS. Commercial lending activities are directed principally toward businesses whose demand for funds falls within the Bank's anticipated lending limits. This category of loans includes loans made to individuals, partnerships, and corporate borrowers. The loans are obtained for a variety of business purposes. Particular emphasis is placed on loans to small to medium-sized professional firms, retail and wholesale businesses, light industry and manufacturing concerns operating in and around the primary market area. The Bank considers small businesses to include commercial, professional and retail businesses with annual gross sales of less than \$15 million or annual operating costs of less than \$3 million. Within small business lending, the Bank focuses on niches in the market and offers small business loans utilizing government enhancements, such as the Small Business Administration s 7(a) program. The types of commercial and small business loans provided include principally term loans with variable interest rates secured by equipment, inventory, receivables

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and real estate, as well as secured and unsecured working capital lines of credit. Risks of these types of loans depend on the general business conditions of the local economy and the local business borrower s ability to sell its products and services in order to generate sufficient business profits to repay the loan under the agreed upon terms and conditions. Personal guarantees may be obtained from the principals of business borrowers and third parties to further support the borrower s ability to service the debt and reduce the risk of nonpayment.

INVESTMENTS. In addition to loans, the Bank makes other investments, primarily in obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States and other taxable securities. No investment held by the Bank exceeds any applicable limitation imposed by law or regulation. Our asset and liability management committee reviews the investment portfolio on an ongoing basis to ascertain investment profitability and to verify compliance with the Bank s investment policies.

DEPOSITS. The Bank offers a full range of interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing accounts, including commercial and retail checking accounts, money market accounts, individual retirement accounts, savings accounts, and other time deposits of various types, ranging from daily money market accounts to longer-term certificates of deposits. All deposit accounts are insured by the FDIC up to the maximum amount permitted by law. The Bank s transaction accounts and time certificates are tailored to its principal market area at competitive rates. The sources of deposits are residents, businesses and employees of businesses within the Bank s primary market area. These deposits are obtained through personal solicitation by the Bank s officers and directors, direct mail solicitations, and advertisements published in the local media.

ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT. The Bank s primary assets consists of its loan portfolio and its investment accounts. Its liabilities consist primarily of its deposits. Our objective is to support asset growth primarily through growth of core deposits, which include deposits of all categories made by individuals, partnerships, corporations and other entities. Consistent with the requirements of prudent banking necessary to maintain liquidity, we seek to match maturities and rates of loans and the investment portfolio with those of deposits, although exact matching is not always possible. Management seeks to invest the largest portion of the Bank s assets in real estate, consumer and commercial loans. The Bank s investment account consists primarily of marketable securities of the United States Government and federal agencies, generally with varied maturities.

The Bank s asset/liability mix is monitored on a regular basis with a monthly report detailing interest-sensitive assets and interest-sensitive liabilities prepared and presented to the board of directors. The objective of this policy is to control interest-sensitive assets and liabilities so as to minimize the impact of substantial movements in interest rates on the Bank s earnings.

EMPLOYEES

At December 31, 2005, the Company and the Bank employed 18 full-time employees and two part-time employees. Islands Bancorp does not have any employees other than its officers who are also employees of the Bank. The Company considers its relationship with its employees to be excellent.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a significant degree of risk. If any of the following risks or other risks, which have not been identified or which we may believe are immaterial or unlikely, actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be harmed. In such a case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. The risks discussed below include forward-looking statements, and our actual results may differ substantially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR PROFITABILITY AND GROWTH.

Bank holding companies and banks are subject to extensive state and federal government supervision and regulation. Changes in state and federal banking laws and regulations or in federal monetary policies could adversely affect our ability to maintain profitability and continue to grow. For example, new legislation or regulation could limit the manner in which we may conduct our business, including our ability to obtain financing, attract deposits, make loans and achieve satisfactory interest spreads. Many of these regulations are intended to protect depositors, the public and the FDIC, not shareholders. In addition, the burden imposed by federal and state regulations may place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to competitors who are less regulated. The laws, regulations, interpretations and enforcement policies that apply to us have been subject to significant, and sometimes retroactively applied, changes in recent years, and may change significantly in the future. Future legislation or government policy may also adversely affect the banking industry or our operations.

INDUSTRY COMPETITION MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR PROFITABILITY.

Competition in the banking and financial services industry is intense, and our profitability depends upon our continued ability to compete in our market area. We compete with national, regional and community banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, finance companies, mutual funds, insurance companies and brokerage and investment banking firms operating locally and elsewhere. In addition, because the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act now permits banks, securities firms and insurance companies to affiliate, a number of larger financial institutions and other corporations offering wider variety of financial services than we currently offer could enter and aggressively compete in the market we currently serve. Many of these competitors have substantially greater resources, lending limits and operating histories than we do and may offer services that we do not or cannot provide.

UNEXPECTED CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES MAY DECREASE OUR NET INTEREST INCOME.

If we are unsuccessful in managing interest rate fluctuations, our net interest income could decrease materially. Our operations depend substantially on our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on our interest-earning assets and the interest expense paid on our interest-bearing liabilities. Like most depository institutions, our earnings and net interest income are affected by changes in market interest rates and other economic factors beyond our control.

AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, ESPECIALLY IN COASTAL SOUTH CAROLINA, COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF OUR LOAN PORTFOLIO AND OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE.

Economic recession over a prolonged period or other economic problems in Beaufort County, South Carolina or in our state or nation generally could have a material adverse impact on the quality of our loan portfolio and the demand for our products and services. For example, a downturn in the local economy could make it more difficult for borrowers to repay their loans, which could lead to loan losses. This could in turn reduce our net income and profitability.

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IF THE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE IN OUR CORE MARKET WERE TO DECLINE MATERIALLY, A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR LOAN PORTFOLIO COULD BECOME UNDER-COLLATERALIZED, WHICH COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR BUSINESS, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

With most of our loans concentrated in Beaufort County, South Carolina, a decline in local economic conditions could adversely affect the values of our real estate collateral. Consequently, a decline in local economic conditions may have a greater effect on our earnings and capital than on the earnings and capital of larger financial institutions whose real estate loan portfolios are geographically diverse.

In addition to considering the financial strength and cash flow characteristics of borrowers, we often secure loans with real estate collateral. At December 31, 2005, approximately 79.4% of our loans had real estate as a primary or secondary component of collateral. The real estate collateral in each case provides an alternate source of repayment in the event of default by the borrower and may deteriorate in value during the time the credit is extended. If we are required to liquidate the collateral securing a loan to satisfy the debt during a period of reduced real estate values, our earnings and capital could be adversely affected.

OUR BUSINESS STRATEGY INCLUDES THE CONTINUATION OF GROWTH PLANS, AND OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS COULD BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED IF WE FAIL TO GROW OR FAIL TO MANAGE OUR GROWTH EFFECTIVELY.

We intend to continue pursuing a growth strategy for our business. Our prospects must be considered in light of the risks, expenses and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in growth stages of development. We cannot assure you we will be able to expand our market presence in our existing markets or successfully enter new markets or that any such expansion will not adversely affect our results of operations. Failure to manage our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, or future prospects, and could adversely affect our ability to successfully implement our business strategy. Also, if our growth occurs more slowly than anticipated or declines, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Our ability to grow successfully will depend on a variety of factors including the continued availability of desirable business opportunities, the competitive responses from other financial institutions in our market areas and our ability to manage our growth. While we believe we have the internal systems in place to manage our future growth, there can be no assurance that growth opportunities will be available or growth will be managed successfully.

OPENING NEW OFFICES MAY NOT RESULT IN INCREASED ASSETS OR REVENUES FOR US.

The investment necessary for branch expansion may negatively impact our efficiency ratio. There is a risk that we will be unable to manage our growth, as the process of opening new branches may divert our time and resources. There is also risk that we may fail to open any additional branches, and a risk that, if we do open these branches, they may not be profitable which would negatively

impact our results of operations.

ADDITIONAL GROWTH MAY REQUIRE US TO RAISE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IN THE FUTURE, BUT THAT CAPITAL MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE WHEN IT IS NEEDED, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

We are required by federal and state regulatory authorities to maintain adequate levels of capital to support our operations. We will, at some point, need to raise additional capital to support our continued growth. Our ability to raise additional capital, when needed, will depend on conditions in the capital markets at that time, which are outside our control, and on our financial performance. Accordingly, there is no assurance of our ability to raise additional capital, when needed, on terms acceptable to us. If we cannot raise additional capital when needed, our ability to further expand our operations could be materially impaired.

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THERE IS NO ACTIVE TRADING MARKET FOR OUR STOCK AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AN ACTIVE TRADING MARKET WILL DEVELOP.

There is no public trading market for our common stock, and an active trading market is not likely to develop in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, shareholders who desire to dispose of all or a portion of their shares of common stock may not be able to do so except by private direct negotiations with third parties, assuming that third parties are willing to purchase their shares.

ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS IN OUR ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND STATE CORPORATE LAWS COULD DETER OR PREVENT TAKE-OVER ATTEMPTS BY A POTENTIAL PURCHASER OF OUR COMMON STOCK AND DEPRIVE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A TAKEOVER PREMIUM FOR THEIR SHARES.

In many cases, shareholders receive a premium for their shares when a company is purchased by another. Various provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws and state corporate laws could deter and make it more difficult for a third party to bring about a merger, sale of control, or similar transaction without approval of our board of directors. These provisions tend to perpetuate existing management. As a result, you may be deprived of opportunities to sell some or all of your shares at prices that represent a premium over market prices. These provisions, which could make it less likely that a change in control will occur, include:

provisions in our articles of incorporation establishing three classes of directors with staggered terms, which means that only one-third of the members of the board of directors is elected each year and each director serves for a term of three years.

provisions in our articles of incorporation authorizing the board of directors to issue a series of preferred stock without shareholder action, which issuance could discourage a third party from attempting to acquire, or make it more difficult for a third party to acquire, a controlling interest in the Company.

provisions in our bylaws relating to meetings of shareholders which limit who may call a meeting and what matters will be voted upon.

state law provisions that require two-thirds of the shareholders to approve mergers and similar transactions, and amendments to the articles of incorporation.

OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OWN A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK AND CAN INFLUENCE SHAREHOLDER DECISIONS.

As of March 13, 2005, our directors and executive officers beneficially owned or controlled 388,147 shares, including shares subject to exercisable warrants and options, representing approximately 44.3% of our outstanding common stock. As a result of their ownership, the directors and executive officers have the ability, if they voted their shares in concert, to influence the outcome of all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election of directors.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

Both the Company and the Bank are subject to extensive state and federal banking regulations that impose restrictions on and provide for general regulatory oversight of their operations. These laws are generally intended to protect depositors and not shareholders. The following discussion describes the material elements of the regulatory framework that applies to us.

ISLANDS BANCORP

Since the Company owns all of the capital stock of the Bank, it is a bank holding company under the federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (the BHC Act) and the South Carolina Banking and Branching Efficiency Act. As a result, the Company is primarily subject to the supervision, examination, and reporting requirements of the BHC Act and the regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve).

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ACQUISITIONS OF BANKS. The BHC Act requires every bank holding company to obtain the Federal Reserve s prior approval before doing any of the following:

acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank if, after the acquisition, the bank holding company will directly or indirectly own or control more than 5% of the Bank s voting shares;

acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of any bank; or

merging or consolidating with any other bank holding company. Additionally, the BHC Act provides that the Federal Reserve may not approve any of these transactions if it would result in or tend to create a monopoly or, substantially lessen competition or otherwise function as a restraint of trade, unless the anticompetitive effects of the proposed transaction are clearly outweighed by the public interest in meeting the convenience and needs of the community to be served. The Federal Reserve is also required to consider the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the bank holding companies and banks concerned and the convenience and needs of the community to be served. The Federal Reserve s consideration of financial resources generally focuses on capital adequacy, which is discussed below.

Under the BHC Act, if adequately capitalized and adequately managed, the Company or any other bank holding company located in South Carolina may purchase a bank located outside of South Carolina. Conversely, an adequately capitalized and adequately managed bank holding company located outside of South Carolina may purchase a bank located inside South Carolina. In each case, however, restrictions may be placed on the acquisition of a bank that has only been in existence for a limited amount of time or will result in specified concentrations of deposits. For example, South Carolina law prohibits a bank holding company from acquiring control of a financial institution until the target financial institution has been in existence and has had continuous operations for five years. As a result, no bank holding company may acquire control of the Company or the Bank until after the fifth anniversary of the date that the Bank began business.

CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL. Subject to various exceptions, the BHC Act and the Change in Bank Control Act, together with related regulations, require Federal Reserve approval prior to any person or company acquiring control of a bank holding company. Control is conclusively presumed to exist if an individual or company acquires 25% or more of any class of voting securities of the bank holding company. Control is rebuttably presumed to exist if a person or company acquires 10% or more, but less than 25%, of any class of voting securities and either of the following:

the bank holding company has registered securities under Section 12 of the Securities Act of 1934; or

no other person owns a greater percentage of that class of voting securities immediately after the transaction.

Our common stock is registered under Section 12 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). The regulations provide a procedure for challenging the rebuttable presumption of control.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES. Bank holding companies are generally prohibited under the BHC Act, from engaging in or acquiring direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company engaged in any activity other than the following:

banking or managing or controlling banks; and

an activity that the Federal Reserve determines to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident to the business of banking.

Activities that the Federal Reserve has found to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident to the business of banking include:

factoring accounts receivable;

making, acquiring, brokering or servicing loans and usual related activities;

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leasing personal or real property;

operating a non-bank depository institution, such as a savings association;

trust company functions;

financial and investment advisory activities;

conducting discount securities brokerage activities;

underwriting and dealing in government obligations and money market instruments;

providing specified management consulting and counseling activities;

performing selected data processing services and support services;

acting as agent or broker in selling credit life insurance and other types of insurance in connection with credit transactions; and

performing selected insurance underwriting activities.

Despite prior approval, the Federal Reserve may order a bank holding company or its subsidiaries to terminate any of these activities or to terminate its ownership or control of any subsidiary when it has reasonable cause to believe that the bank holding company s continued ownership, activity or control constitutes a serious risk to the financial safety, soundness, or stability of it or any of its bank subsidiaries.

In addition to the permissible bank holding company activities listed above, a bank holding company may qualify and elect to become a financial holding company under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999. A financial holding company may engage in additional activities that are financial in nature or incidental or complementary to financial activity. The BHC Act expressly lists the following activities as financial in nature:

lending, trust and other banking activities;

insuring, guaranteeing, or indemnifying against loss or harm, or providing and issuing annuities, and acting as principal, agent, or broker for these purposes, in any state;

providing financial, investment, or advisory services;

issuing or selling instruments representing interests in pools of assets permissible for a bank to hold directly;

underwriting, dealing in or making a market in securities;

other activities that the Federal Reserve may determine to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident to managing or controlling banks;

foreign activities permitted outside of the United States if the Federal Reserve has determined them to be usual in connection with banking operations abroad;

merchant banking through securities or insurance affiliates; and

insurance company portfolio investments.

To qualify to become a financial holding company, the Bank and any other depository institution subsidiary of the Company must be well capitalized and well managed and must have a Community Reinvestment Act rating of at least satisfactory. Additionally, the Company must file an election with the Federal Reserve to become a financial holding company and must provide the Federal Reserve with 30 days written notice prior to engaging in a permitted financial activity. We currently have no plans to elect to become a financial holding company.

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SUPPORT OF SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONS. Under Federal Reserve policy, the Company is expected to act as a source of financial strength for the Bank and to commit resources to support the Bank. This support may be required at times when, without this Federal Reserve policy, the Company might not be inclined to provide it. In addition, any capital loans made by the Company to the Bank will be repaid only after its deposits and various other obligations are repaid in full. In the unlikely event of the Company s bankruptcy, any commitment by it to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of the Bank will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of payment.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REGULATION. As a bank holding company registered under the South Carolina Banking and Branching Efficiency Act, the Company is subject to limitations on sale or merger and to regulation by the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions. Prior to acquiring the capital stock of a national bank, we are not required to obtain the approval of the Board, but we must notify them at least 15 days prior to doing so. Prior to engaging in the acquisition of nonbanking institutions or state chartered banks, we must receive the Board s approval, and we must file periodic reports with respect to our financial condition and operations, management and intercompany relationships between Islands Bancorp and its subsidiaries.

ISLANDS COMMUNITY

As a national bank, the Bank is primarily subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the National Bank Act and the regulations of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the OCC). The OCC regularly examines the Bank s operations and has the authority to approve or disapprove mergers, the establishment of branches and similar corporate actions. The OCC also has the power to prevent the continuance or development of unsafe or unsound banking practices or other violations of law. Additionally, the Bank s deposits are insured by the FDIC to the maximum extent provided by law. The Bank is also subject to numerous state and federal statutes and regulations that affect its business, activities and operations.

BRANCHING. National banks are required by the National Bank Act to adhere to branching laws applicable to state banks in the states in which their main office is located. Under current South Carolina law, the Bank may open branch offices throughout South Carolina with the prior approval of the OCC. In addition, with prior regulatory approval, the Bank may acquire branches of existing banks located in South Carolina. The Bank and any other national or state-chartered bank generally may branch across state lines by merging with banks in other states if allowed by the applicable states laws. South Carolina law, with limited exceptions, currently permits branching across state lines through interstate mergers.

Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, states may opt-in and allow out-of-state banks to branch into their state by establishing a new start-up branch in the state. Currently, South Carolina has not opted-in to this provision. Therefore, interstate merger is the only method through which a bank located outside of South Carolina may branch into South Carolina. This provides a limited barrier of entry into the South Carolina banking market, which protects us from an important segment of potential competition. However, because South Carolina has elected not to opt-in, our ability to establish a new start-up branch in another state may be limited. Many states that have elected to opt-in have done so on a reciprocal basis, meaning that an out-of-state bank may establish a new start-up branch only if its home state has

also elected to opt-in. Consequently, until South Carolina changes its election, the only way we will be able to branch into states that have elected to opt-in on a reciprocal basis will be through interstate merger.

PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION. The FDIC Improvement Act of 1991 established a system of prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of undercapitalized financial institutions. Under this system, the federal banking regulators have established five capital categories (well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized) in which all institutions are placed. The federal banking agencies have specified by regulation the relevant capital level for each category. Federal banking regulators are required to take various mandatory supervisory actions and are authorized to take

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other discretionary actions with respect to institutions in the three undercapitalized categories. The severity of the action depends upon the capital category in which the institution is placed. Generally, subject to a narrow exception, the banking regulator must appoint a receiver or conservator for an institution that is critically undercapitalized.

An institution that is categorized as undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, or critically undercapitalized is required to submit an acceptable capital restoration plan to its appropriate federal regulator. A bank holding company must guarantee that a subsidiary depository institution meets its capital restoration plan, subject to various limitations. The controlling holding company s obligation to fund a capital restoration plan is limited to the lesser of 5% of an undercapitalized subsidiary s assets at the time it became undercapitalized or the amount required to meet regulatory capital requirements. An undercapitalized institution is also generally prohibited from increasing its average total assets, making acquisitions, establishing any branches or engaging in any new line of business, except under an accepted capital restoration plan or with FDIC approval. The regulations also establish procedures for downgrading an institution to a lower capital category based on supervisory factors other than capital.

FDIC INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS. The FDIC has adopted a risk-based assessment system for insured depository institutions that takes into account the risks attributable to different categories and concentrations of assets and liabilities. The system assigns an institution to one of three capital categories: (1) well capitalized; (2) adequately capitalized; and (3) undercapitalized. These three categories are substantially similar to the prompt corrective action categories described above, with the undercapitalized category including institutions that are undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, and critically undercapitalized for prompt corrective action purposes. The FDIC also assigns an institution to one of three supervisory subgroups based on a supervisory evaluation that the institution s primary federal regulator provides to the FDIC and information that the FDIC determines to be relevant to the institution s financial condition and the risk posed to the deposit insurance funds. Assessments range from 0 to 27 cents per \$100 of deposits, depending on the institution s capital group and supervisory subgroup. In addition, the FDIC imposes assessments to help pay off the \$780 million in annual interest payments on the \$8 billion Financing Corporation bonds issued in the late 1980s as part of the government rescue of the thrift industry. This assessment rate is adjusted quarterly and is set at 1.32 cents per \$100 of deposits for the first quarter of 2006.

The FDIC may terminate its insurance of deposits if it finds that the institution has engaged in unsafe and unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations, or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order, or condition imposed by the FDIC.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT. The Community Reinvestment Act requires that, in connection with examinations of financial institutions within their respective jurisdictions, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, or the OCC shall evaluate the record of each financial institution in meeting the credit needs of its local community, including low and moderate-income neighborhoods. These facts are also considered in evaluating mergers, acquisitions, and applications to open a branch or facility. Failure to adequately meet these criteria could impose additional requirements and limitations on the Bank. Since the Bank s aggregate assets do not exceed \$250 million, under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, we are subject to a Community Reinvestment Act examination only once every 60 months if we receive an outstanding rating,

once every 48 months if we receive a satisfactory rating and as needed if our rating is less than satisfactory. Additionally, we must publicly disclose the terms of various Community Reinvestment Act-related agreements.

OTHER REGULATIONS. Interest and other charges collected or contracted for by the Bank are subject to state usury laws and federal laws concerning interest rates. For example, under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which amended the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, a lender is generally prohibited from charging an annual interest rate in excess of 6% on any obligation of a borrower who is on active duty with the United States military.

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The Bank s loan operations are also subject to federal laws applicable to credit transactions, such as the following:

The Federal Truth-In-Lending Act, governing disclosures of credit terms to consumer borrowers;

The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975, requiring financial institutions to provide information to enable the public and public officials to determine whether a financial institution is fulfilling its obligation to help meet the housing needs of the community it serves;

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed or other prohibited factors in extending credit;

The Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1978, governing the use and provision of information to credit reporting agencies;

The Fair Debt Collection Act, governing the manner in which consumer debts may be collected by collection agencies; and

The rules and regulations of the various federal agencies charged with the responsibility of implementing these federal laws.

The deposit operations of the Bank are subject to the following:

The Right to Financial Privacy Act, which imposes a duty to maintain confidentiality of consumer financial records and prescribes procedures for complying with administrative subpoenas of financial records; and

The Electronic Funds Transfer Act and Regulation E issued by the Federal Reserve to implement that act, which govern automatic deposits to and withdrawals from deposit accounts and customers—rights and liabilities arising from the use of automated teller machines and other electronic banking services.

CAPITAL ADEQUACY

The Company and the Bank are required to comply with the capital adequacy standards established by the Federal Reserve (in the case of the Company) and the OCC (in the case of the Bank). The Federal Reserve has established a risk-based and a leverage measure of capital adequacy for bank holding companies. Since the Company s consolidated total assets do not exceed \$150 million, under the Federal Reserve s capital guidelines, its capital adequacy is measured on a bank-only basis, as opposed to a consolidated basis. The Bank is also subject to risk-based and leverage capital requirements adopted by the OCC, which are substantially similar to those adopted by the Federal Reserve

for bank holding companies.

The risk-based capital standards are designed to make regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banks and bank holding companies, to account for off- balance-sheet exposure, and to minimize disincentives for holding liquid assets. Assets and off-balance-sheet items, such as letters of credit and unfunded loan commitments, are assigned to broad risk categories, each with appropriate risk weights. The resulting capital ratios represent capital as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets and off-balance-sheet items.

The minimum guideline for the ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets is 8%. Total capital consists of two components, Tier 1 Capital and Tier 2 Capital. Tier 1 Capital generally consists of common stock, minority interests in the equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, and a limited amount of qualifying cumulative perpetual preferred stock and trust preferred securities, less goodwill and other specified intangible assets. Tier 1 Capital must equal at least 4% of risk-weighted assets. Tier 2 Capital generally consists of subordinated debt, other preferred stock, and a limited amount of loan loss reserves. The total amount of Tier 2 Capital is limited to 100% of Tier 1 Capital. At December 31, 2005, our ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets was 11.70% and our ratio of Tier 1 Capital to risk-weighted assets was 10.48%.

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In addition, the Federal Reserve has established minimum leverage ratio guidelines for bank holding companies. These guidelines provide for a minimum ratio of Tier 1 Capital to average assets, less goodwill and other specified intangible assets, of 3% for bank holding companies that meet specified criteria, including having the highest regulatory rating and implementing the Federal Reserve s risk-based capital measure for market risk. All other bank holding companies generally are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 4%. At December 31, 2005, our leverage ratio was 9.06%. The guidelines also provide that bank holding companies experiencing internal growth or making acquisitions will be expected to maintain strong capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels without reliance on intangible assets. The Federal Reserve considers the leverage ratio and other indicators of capital strength in evaluating proposals for expansion or new activities.

Failure to meet capital guidelines could subject a bank or bank holding company to a variety of enforcement remedies, including issuance of a capital directive, the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC, a prohibition on accepting brokered deposits, and certain other restrictions on its business. As described above, significant additional restrictions can be imposed on FDIC-insured depository institutions that fail to meet applicable capital requirements. See Prompt Corrective Action.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank. The principal source of the Company s cash flow, including cash flow to pay dividends to its shareholders, are dividends that the Bank pays to the Company as its sole shareholder. Statutory and regulatory limitations apply to the Bank s payment of dividends to the Company, as well as to the Company s payment of dividends to its shareholders.

The Bank is required by federal law to obtain prior approval of the OCC for payments of dividends if the total of all dividends declared by our board of directors in any year will exceed (1) the total of the Bank s net profits for that year, plus (2) the Bank s retained net profits of the preceding two years, less any required transfers to surplus. The payment of dividends by the Company and the Bank may also be affected by other factors, such as the requirement to maintain adequate capital above regulatory guidelines.

In addition, the OCC may require, after notice and a hearing, that the Bank stop or refrain from engaging in any practice it considers unsafe or unsound. The federal banking agencies have indicated that paying dividends that deplete a depository institution s capital base to an inadequate level would be an unsafe and unsound banking practice. Under the FDIC Improvement Act of 1991, a depository institution may not pay any dividend if payment would cause it to become undercapitalized or if it already is undercapitalized. Moreover, the federal agencies have issued policy statements that provide that bank holding companies and insured banks should generally only pay dividends out of current operating earnings. See Prompt Corrective Action.

RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The Company and the Bank are subject to the provisions of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act. Section 23A places limits on the amount of the following:

a bank s loans or extensions of credit to affiliates;

a bank s investment in affiliates;

assets a bank may purchase from affiliates, except for real and personal property exempted by the Federal Reserve;

loans or extensions of credit to third parties collateralized by the securities or obligations of affiliates; and

a bank s guarantee, acceptance or letter of credit issued on behalf of an affiliate.

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The total amount of the above transactions is limited in amount, as to any one affiliate, to 10% of a bank s capital and surplus and, as to all affiliates combined, to 20% of a bank s capital and surplus. In addition to the limitation on the amount of these transactions, each of the above transactions must also meet specified collateral requirements. The Bank must also comply with other provisions designed to avoid the taking of low-quality assets.

The Company and the Bank are also subject to the provisions of Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act which, among other things, prohibit an institution from engaging in the above transactions with affiliates unless the transactions are on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable to the institution or its subsidiaries, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with nonaffiliated companies.

The Bank is also subject to restrictions on extensions of credit to its executive officers, directors, principal shareholders and their related interests. These extensions of credit (1) must be made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with third parties, and (2) must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features.

PRIVACY

Financial institutions are required to disclose their policies for collecting and protecting confidential information. Customers generally may prevent financial institutions from sharing nonpublic personal financial information with nonaffiliated third parties except under narrow circumstances, such as the processing of transactions requested by the consumer or when the financial institution is jointly sponsoring a product or service with a nonaffiliated third party. Additionally, financial institutions generally may not disclose consumer account numbers to any nonaffiliated third party for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing or other marketing to consumers.

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING

On December 4, 2003, President George W. Bush signed the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act amending the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. These amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (the FCRA Amendments) became effective in 2004.

The FCRA Amendments include, among other things:

requirements for financial institutions to develop policies and procedures to identify potential identity theft and, upon the request of a consumer, place a fraud alert in the consumer s credit file stating that the consumer may be the victim of identity theft or other fraud;

for entities that furnish information to consumer reporting agencies (which would include the Bank), requirements to implement procedures and policies regarding the accuracy and integrity of the furnished information, and regarding the correction of previously furnished information that is later determined to be inaccurate; and

a requirement for mortgage lenders to disclose credit scores to consumers.

The FCRA Amendments also prohibit a business that receives consumer information from an affiliate from using that information for marketing purposes unless the consumer is first provided a notice and an opportunity to direct the business not to use the information for such marketing purposes (the opt-out), subject to certain exceptions. We do not share consumer information among our affiliated companies for marketing purposes, except as allowed under exceptions to the notice and opt-out requirements. Because no affiliate of the Company is currently sharing consumer information with any other affiliate of the Company for marketing purposes, the limitations on sharing of information for marketing purposes do not have a significant impact on the Company.

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ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION

The Bank is subject to the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (the USA PATRIOT Act), as it amended the Bank Secrecy Act and the rules and regulations of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (the OFAC). These statutes and related rules and regulations impose requirements and limitations on specific financial transactions and account relationships and are intended to guard against money laundering and terrorism financing. The Bank has established a customer identification program pursuant to Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Bank Secrecy Act, and otherwise has implemented policies and procedures to comply with the foregoing rules.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

On February 8, 2006, President Bush signed the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 ($\,$ FDIRA $\,$). The FDIC must adopt rules implementing the various provisions of FDIRA by November 5, 2006.

Among other things, FDIRA changes the Federal deposit insurance system by:

raising the coverage level for retirement accounts to \$250,000;

indexing deposit insurance coverage levels for inflation beginning in 2012;

prohibiting undercapitalized financial institutions from accepting employee benefit plan deposits;

merging the Bank Insurance Fund and Savings Association Insurance Fund into a new Deposit Insurance Fund (the DIF); and

providing credits to financial institutions that capitalized the FDIC prior to 1996 to offset future assessment premiums.

FDIRA also authorizes the FDIC to revise the current risk-based assessment system, subject to notice and comment and caps the amount of the DIF at 1.50% of domestic deposits. The FDIC must issue cash dividends, awarded on a historical basis, for the amount of the DIF over the 1.50% ratio. Additionally, if the DIF exceeds 1.35% of domestic deposits at year-end, the FDIC must issue cash dividends, awarded on a historical basis, for half of the amount of the excess.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ACTION

New regulations and statutes are regularly proposed that contain wide-ranging potential changes to the structures, regulations and competitive relationships of financial institutions operating and doing business in the United States. We cannot predict whether or in what form any proposed regulation or statute will be adopted or the extent to which our business may be affected by any new

regulation or statute.

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENTAL MONETARY POLICIES

Our earnings are affected by domestic economic conditions and the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and its agencies. The Federal Reserve s monetary policies have had, and are likely to continue to have, an important impact on the operating results of commercial banks through its power to implement national monetary policy in order, among other things, to curb inflation or combat a recession. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve affect the levels of bank loans, investments and deposits through its control over the issuance of United States government securities, its regulation of the discount rate applicable to member banks and its influence over reserve requirements to which member banks are subject. We cannot predict the nature or impact of future changes in monetary and fiscal policies.

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SELECTED STATISTICAL INFORMATION

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY;

INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIAL

The following is a presentation of the average consolidated balance sheet of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. This presentation includes all major categories of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities: (\$ in thousands)

	Ye	ar Ended 2005	Dece	ember 31, 2004
AVERAGE CONSOLIDATED ASSETS				
Cash and due from banks	\$	936	\$	726
Taxable securities		2,574		2,198
Federal funds sold		3,240		1,129
Interest bearing deposits		73		39
Net loans		48,591		33,631
Total interest-earning assets		54,478		36,997
Other assets		2,850		3,067
Total assets	\$	58,264	\$	40,790
AVERAGE CONSOLIDATED LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$	6,220	\$	3,996
NOW, MMDA and savings deposits		8,188		7,342
Time deposits		35,798		22,467
Other borrowings		2,188		1,790
Other liabilities		376		74
Total liabilities		52,770		35,669
Stockholders equity		5,494		5,121
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	58,264	\$	40,790

The following is a presentation of an analysis of the net interest earnings of the Company for the period indicated with respect to each major category of interest-earning asset and each major category of interest-bearing liability: (\$ in thousands)

Year Ended December 31, 2005			Year Ended December 31, 2		
Interest Average	Average Earned/	Interest Yield/	Average Average	Earned/	Yield/
Amount	Paid	Rate	Amount	Paid	Rate

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Assets

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Taxable securities	\$ 2,574	\$ 81	3.15% \$ 2.198	\$ 58	2.64%
Federal funds sold	3,240	106	3.27% 1,129	16	1.42%
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Int. bearing deposits	73	2	2.74% 39		
Net loans	48,591(1)	3,683(2)	7.58% 33,631(1)	2,253(2)	6.70%
Total earning assets	\$ 54,478	\$ 3,872	7.11% \$ 36,997	\$ 2,327	6.29%
Liabilities					
NOW/MMDA/savings	\$ 8,188	\$ 136	1.66% \$ 7,342	\$ 89	1.21%
Time deposits	35,798	1,195	3.34% 22,467	631	2.81%
Other borrowings	2,188	73	3.34% 1,790	57	3.18%
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Total interest-bearing					
liabilities	\$ 46,174	\$ 1,404	3.04% \$ 31,599	\$ 777	2.46%
Not yield on coming					
Net yield on earning assets			4.53%		4.19%

¹ At December 31, 2005 and 2004, loans on non-accrual status totaled \$313,000 and \$249,000.

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² Interest earned on net loans includes \$238,000 and \$141,000 in loan fees for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

RATE/VOLUME ANALYSIS OF NET INTEREST INCOME

The effect on interest income, interest expense and net interest income in the period indicated from changes in average balance and rate from the corresponding prior period is shown below. The effect of a change in average balance has been determined by applying the average rate in the earlier period to the change in average balance. The effect of a change in average rate has been determined by applying the change in average rate to the average balance in the earlier period. Changes resulting from average balance/rate variances are allocated proportionately between the change in volume and the change in rate. (\$ in thousands)

Year	Ended December 31, 2005	,
	Compared to	

	Year Ended December 31, 2004 Increase (Decrease) due to				/	
	Volu			ate		Fotal
		(in	tho	usano	ds)	
Interest earned on:						
Taxable securities	\$	11	\$	12	\$	23
Federal funds sold		53		37		90
Interest bearing deposits		2				2
Net loans	1,	103		326		1,429
Total interest income	1,	169		375		1,544
Interest paid on:						
NOW/MMDA/savings deposits		11		37		48
Time deposits	4	127		136		563
Other borrowings		13		3		16
· ·						
Total interest expense	4	451		176		627
Change in net interest income	\$	718	\$	199	\$	917

Year Ended December 31, 2004 Compared to

		Year Ended December 31, 2003 Increase (Decrease) due to			
	Volume	Volume Rate To			
	(iı	n thousand	s)		
Interest earned on:					
Taxable securities	\$ (3)	\$ (14)	\$ (17)		
Federal funds sold	5	3	8		
Net loans	731	(40)	691		
Total interest income	733	(51)	682		
Interest paid on:					
NOW/MMDA/savings deposits	29	(7)	22		

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Time deposits	166	(38)	128
Other borrowings	44	4	48
Total interest expense	239	(41)	198
Change in net interest income	\$ 494	\$ (10)	\$ 484

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INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As of December 31, 2005, investment securities comprised approximately 4.0% of the Bank s assets. The Bank invests primarily in direct obligations of the United States, obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States, and obligations of agencies of the United States. In addition, the Bank enters into Federal funds transactions with its principal correspondent banks, and generally acts as a net seller of such funds. At December 31, 2005, the Bank was a net seller of funds in the Federal funds market. The sale of Federal funds amounts to a short-term loan from the Bank to another bank.

The following table presents, for the date indicated, the book value of the Bank s investments. All securities held at December 31, 2005 and 2004 were categorized as available-for-sale. (\$ in thousands)

	Decem	December 31,		
	2005	2004		
U.S. Agency	\$ 1,499	\$ 504		
U.S. Agency Pools	804	1,368		
FRB/FHLB stock	356	316		
Total	\$ 2,659	\$ 2,188		

The following table indicates as of December 31, 2005 the amount of investments due in (i) one year or less, (ii) one to five years, (iii) five to ten years, and (iv) over ten years:

	Amount	Weighted Average Yield
Due in:		
0-1 year	\$	
Over 1 through 5 years	1,499	4.00%
Over 5 through 10 years		
Over 10 years	804	2.92%
FRB and FHLB stock (no maturity)	356	5.37%
Total	\$ 2,659	3.85%

LOAN PORTFOLIO

The Bank engages in a full complement of lending activities, including commercial/industrial, consumer and real estate loans. As of December 31, 2005, the Bank had a legal lending limit for unsecured loans of up to \$970,000 to any one person.

While risk of loss in the Bank s loan portfolio is primarily tied to the credit quality of its various borrowers, risk of loss may also increase due to factors beyond the Bank s control, such as local, regional and/or national economic downturns. General conditions in the real estate market may also impact the relative risk in the Bank s real estate portfolio. Of the Bank s target areas of lending activities, commercial loans are generally considered to have greater

risk than real estate loans or consumer installment loans.

The Bank participates with other banks with respect to loans that exceed the Bank s lending limits. Management does not believe that loan participations pose any greater risk of loss than loans that the Bank originates.

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The following is a description of each of the major categories of loans in the Bank s loan portfolio:

COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL LOANS

Commercial lending is directed principally towards businesses whose demands for funds fall within the Bank s legal lending limits and which are potential deposit customers of the Bank. This category of loans includes loans made to individual, partnership or corporate borrowers, and obtained for a variety of business purposes. Particular emphasis is placed on loans to small- and medium-sized businesses. The primary repayment risk for commercial loans is the failure of the business due to economic or financial factors. Although the Bank typically looks to a commercial borrower s cash flow as the principal source of repayment for such loans, many commercial loans are secured by inventory, equipment, accounts receivable, and other assets.

CONSUMER LOANS

The Bank s consumer loans consist primarily of installment loans to individuals for personal, family and household purposes, including automobile loans to individuals and pre-approved lines of credit. This category of loans also includes lines of credit and term loans secured by second mortgages on the residences of borrowers for a variety of purposes, including home improvements, education and other personal expenditures. In evaluating these loans the Bank reviews the borrower s level and stability of income and past credit history and the impact of these factors on the ability of the borrower to repay the loan in a timely manner. In addition, the Bank maintains a proper margin between the loan amount and collateral value.

REAL ESTATE LOANS

The Bank s real estate loans consist of residential first and second mortgage loans, residential construction loans and commercial real estate loans to a limited degree. These loans are made consistent with the Bank s appraisal policy and real estate lending policy which detail maximum loan-to-value ratios and maturities. These loan-to-value ratios are sufficient to compensate for fluctuations in the real estate market to minimize the risk of loss to the Bank.

TYPES OF LOANS

The following table presents various categories of loans contained in the Bank s loan portfolio as of the date indicated: (\$ in thousands)

	As of December 3		
Type of Loan	2005	2004	
Domestic:			
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 8,640	\$ 6,390	
Real estate construction	17,082	11,085	
Real estate mortgage	25,995	18,974	
Installment and other loans to individuals	2,592	4,974	
Subtotal	54,309	41,423	
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	(679)	(488)	

Total (net of allowance)

\$ 53,630 \$ 40,935

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MATURITIES AND SENSITIVITIES OF LOANS TO CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES

The following is a presentation of an analysis of maturities of certain loans as of December 31, 2005: (\$ in thousands)

	Due in			
	1 year	Due after 1 to 5	Due after	
Type of Loan	or less	years	5 years	Total
Commercial, financial, and				
agricultural	\$ 2,315	\$ 3,838	\$ 2,487	\$ 8,640
Real estate construction	13,196	3,887		17,083
Total	\$ 15,511	\$ 7,725	\$ 2,487	\$ 25,723

RISK ELEMENTS

For the above loans, the following is a presentation of an analysis of sensitivities to changes in interest rates as of December 31, 2005:

	Due in				
	1 year	Due after 1 to 5	Due after		
Type of Loan	or less	years	5 years	Total	
Predetermined interest rate	\$ 9,212	\$ 5,153	\$	\$ 14,365	
Floating interest rate	6,299	2,572	2,487	11,358	
Total	\$ 15,511	\$ 7,725	\$ 2,487	\$ 25,723	

The Company considers impaired loans to include all restructured loans, loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued, loans that are not performing in accordance with agreed upon terms, and all other loans that are performing according to the loan agreement but may have substantive indications of potential credit weakness. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the total recorded investment in impaired loans, all of which had allowances determined in accordance with FASB Statements No. 114 and No. 118, totaled approximately \$460,000 and \$816,000, respectively. The average recorded investment in impaired loans was approximately \$533,000 and \$663,000, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The allowance for loan losses related to impaired loans was approximately \$69,000 and \$170,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Interest income recognized on impaired loans for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 was approximately \$32,000 and \$40,000, respectively. The amount of interest recognized on impaired loans using the cash method of accounting was not material for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Loans on non-accrual status at December 31, 2005 and 2004 had outstanding balances of \$313,000 and \$249,000, respectively. Interest recognized on non-accruing loans at December 31, 2005 and 2004 was approximately \$9,000 and \$3,000, respectively. The Company has no commitments to lend additional funds to

borrowers whose loans have been modified.

As of December 31, 2005, there were no loans not disclosed above that were classified for regulatory purposes as doubtful, substandard or special mention which (i) represent or result from trends or uncertainties which management reasonably expects will materially impact future operating results, liquidity, or capital resources, or (ii) represent material credits about which management is aware of any information which causes management to have serious doubts as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with the loan repayment terms.

Accrual of interest is discontinued on a loan when management determines upon consideration of economic and business factors affecting collection efforts that collection of interest is doubtful. At December 31, 2005, three loans with an aggregate principal of approximately \$107,000 were over 90 days past due but still accruing interest, compared with two such loans with an aggregate principal of \$28,000 at December 31, 2004. As of December 31, 2005, no loans were considered to be troubled-debt restructured. As of December 31, 2005,

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three loans with an aggregate balance of approximately \$313,000 were on non-accrual status, compared to one such loan with an aggregate principal of approximately \$249,000 as of December 31, 2004. Of the three loans on non-accrual at December 31, 2005, one loan for approximately \$110,000 is fully guaranteed by the SBA, and the Bank anticipates receiving payment for the full amount.

SUMMARY OF LOAN LOSS EXPERIENCE

An analysis of the Bank s loss experience is furnished in the following table for the periods indicated, as well as a breakdown of the allowance for possible loan losses: (\$ in thousands)

ANALYSIS OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES

	Years Ended December 31				
Type of Loan	2005	2004			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 488	\$ 326			
Charge-offs:					
Real estate loans					
Installment and other loans to individuals	(15)	(30)			
Commercial loans	(19)				
Recoveries		1			
Net charge-offs	(34)	(29)			
Provision charged to operations	225	191			
Balance at end of period	\$ 679	\$ 488			
Ratio of net charge-offs during the period to					
average loans outstanding during the period	0.07%	0.09%			

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the allowance was allocated as follows: (\$ in thousands)

	Decem Amount	ber 31, 2005 Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Decem Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans
Commercial, financial and				
agricultural	\$ 125	15.9%	\$ 80	15.4%
Real estate construction	200	31.5%	150	26.8%
Real estate mortgage	200	47.9%	145	45.8%
Installment and other loans				
to individuals	100	4.7%	75	12.0%
Unallocated	54		38	N/A
Total	\$ 679	100.0%	\$ 488	100.0%

In considering the adequacy of the Company s allowance for possible loan losses, management has considered the fact that, as of December 31, 2005, 15.9% of outstanding loans are commercial loans, which includes commercial, industrial and agricultural loans. Commercial loans generally have greater risk than other categories of loans. However, 92% of the commercial loans at December 31, 2005 were made on a secured basis. Management believes that the secured condition of the majority of its commercial loan portfolio significantly reduces the risk of loss inherently present in commercial loans.

Real estate mortgage loans comprised 47.9% of outstanding loans at December 31, 2005. The loans in this category represent residential and commercial real estate mortgages where the amount of the original loan generally does not exceed 85% of the appraised value of the collateral. These loans are considered by management to be well secured with a low risk of loss.

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The Company s consumer loan portfolio is also well secured. At December 31, 2005, the majority of the Company s consumer loans were secured by collateral primarily consisting of automobiles, boats and other personal property.

A review of the loan portfolio by an independent firm is conducted annually. The purpose of this review is to assess the risk in the loan portfolio and to determine the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. The review includes analyses of historical performance, the level of non-performing and classified loans, loan volume and activity, review of loan files and consideration of economic conditions and other pertinent information. In addition to the above review, the Bank s primary regulator, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the OCC), also conducts an annual examination of the loan portfolio. Information provided from the above two independent sources, together with information provided by Bank management and other information known to members of the Board, is utilized by the Board to monitor, on a quarterly basis, the loan portfolio and the adequacy of the loan loss reserve. Specifically, the Board attempts to identify risks inherent in the loan portfolio (e.g., problem loans, potential problem loans and loans to be charged off), assess the overall quality and collectibility of the loan portfolio, and determine amounts of the allowance for loan losses and the provision for loan losses to be reported based on the results of their review.

DEPOSITS

The Bank offers a full range of interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing accounts, including commercial and retail checking accounts, money market accounts, individual retirement and Keogh accounts, regular interest-bearing statement savings accounts and certificates of deposit with a range of maturity date options. The sources of deposits are residents, businesses and employees of businesses within the Bank s market area and are obtained through the personal solicitation by the Bank s officers and directors, and advertisements published in the local media. In addition, the Bank uses the internet to obtain deposits from institutions located elsewhere. The Bank pays competitive interest rates on time and savings deposits up to the maximum permitted by law or regulation. In addition, the Bank has implemented a service charge fee schedule competitive with other financial institutions in the Bank s market area, covering such matters as maintenance fees on checking accounts, per item processing fees on checking accounts and returned check charges.

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the average amount of and average rate paid on each of the following deposit categories: (\$ in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,							
	20	005	2004					
	Average Amount	Average Rate Paid	Average Amount	Average Rate Paid				
Noninterest-bearing demand								
deposits	\$ 6,220		\$ 3,996					
NOW/MMDA/savings								
deposits	8,188	1.66%	7,342	1.21%				
Time deposits	35,798	3.34%	22,467	2.81%				
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The following table indicates the amounts outstanding of time certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more and respective maturities at December 31, 2005:

Time Certificates of Deposit	At December 31, 2005
3 months or less	\$ 3,913
3-6 months	3,037
6-12 months	2,661
Over 12 months	3,737
Total	\$ 13,348

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RETURN ON EQUITY AND ASSETS

Returns on average consolidated assets and average consolidated equity for the period indicated were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2005	2004		
Return on average assets	.93%	.37%		
Return on average equity	9.83%	2.91%		
Average equity to average assets				
ratio	9.43%	12.50%		
Dividend payout ratio	%	%		

ITEM 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

Our main office is located adjacent to Beaufort Plaza at 2348 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina. We purchased a former Wachovia Bank office located at this site. The office is a one-story banking facility with approximately 7,600 square feet. We completed renovations of the main office building in November 2002. The total cost of the renovations was approximately \$1,350,000.

In addition, we purchased approximately 2.3 acres of land at 131 Sea Island Parkway on Lady s Island, South Carolina. Initially, we planned to construct our main office on this site. However, we decided to locate the main office at the Boundary Street location because we believe it provides the Bank with greater visibility and is more accessible to our customers. We intend to keep the Lady s Island location as a future branch site. The Bank will be required to seek regulatory approval prior to establishing a branch at this location.

Our Charleston loan production office is located in a 500-square-foot leased office at 3 Southpark Circle, Suite 260, Charleston, South Carolina. Rent for the office is \$667 per month under a lease that is cancelable with 30 days prior notice.

In 2005, we purchased approximately 1.25 acres of land in Bluffton Township, known as Okatie Center, Phase 1B, for the purpose of constructing a future branch location. The Bank will be required to seek regulatory approval prior to establishing a branch at this location.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On November 15, 2005, the Company terminated the employment of William B. Gossett as the president and chief executive officer of the Company and the Bank. Mr. Gossett semployment was terminated for cause under specific provisions of his employment agreement as a result of regulatory actions stemming from the 2005 Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) examination of the Bank. Among other things, the OCC commented on management sefailure to properly address issues noted in prior exam reports. As a result of the OCC examination, each Board member has signed a Commitment Letter with the OCC agreeing to take proper action to correct all noted issues. Currently, all of the noted issues have been or are being corrected and the OCC has commented favorably on the progress being made by the Bank. We believe the Commitment Letter will not have a material adverse effect on our operations.

On February 1, 2006, Mr. Gossett, a principal security holder of the Company, filed a claim with the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration against the Company and the Bank under 18 U.S.C 1514A. Mr. Gossett alleges that his termination was in retaliation against him for raising what the Company determined were minor concerns regarding his ability to provide the certifications of the principal executive and financial officer which were required to be filed with the Company s Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. Prior to filing the Form 10-QSB in question, however, Mr. Gossett s concerns were fully resolved and he provided the required certifications. The Form 10-QSB in question was timely filed and fully complied with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Mr. Gossett claims that he is entitled to receive an amount equal to two times his salary as in effect at the time of his termination, or approximately \$323,000, together with attorney fees and the reinstatement of options to acquire 19,581 shares of the Company s stock, which were forfeited upon his termination. Under the terms of his employment agreement dated July 27, 1999, Mr. Gossett is not entitled to these payments or reinstatement of his options since we believe he was properly terminated for cause.

The Company believes that Mr. Gossett s allegations are without merit and is vigorously contesting his claim.

We do not believe Mr. Gossett s claim represents a material proceeding to which the Company is a party. Accordingly, there are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company is a party or of which any of its properties are subject, nor are there material proceedings known to the Company to be contemplated by any governmental authority. Additionally, the Company is unaware of any material proceedings, pending or contemplated, in which any existing or proposed director, officer or affiliate, or any principal security holder of the Company or any associate of any of the foregoing, is a party or has an interest adverse to the Company.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

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PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The response to this Item is partially included in the Company s 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders under the heading Corporate and Shareholder Information and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company issued no unregistered securities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and did not repurchase any of its shares of common stock during the fourth quarter of 2005.

ITEM 6. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The response to this Item is included in the Company s 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders under the heading Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements are included in the Company s 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders and are incorporated herein by reference.

Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2005 and 2004

Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders
Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

ITEM 8. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH

ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 8A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (Disclosure Controls). Disclosure Controls, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are procedures that are designed with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act, such as this Annual Report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms. Disclosure Controls are also designed with the objective of ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, does not expect that our Disclosure Controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control

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system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Based upon their controls evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer have concluded that our Disclosure Controls are effective at a reasonable assurance level.

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the past fiscal year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 8B. OTHER INFORMATION

Effective as of January 24, 2006, the Company and the Bank entered into a Change in Control Agreement with Carol J. Nelson, the chief financial officer of the Company and the Bank. The agreement provides that, in the event (a) Ms. Nelson is terminated by the Company without cause (as defined in the agreement) or (b) Ms. Nelson resigns her employment for good reason (as defined in the agreement) at any time within the 13-month period following a change in control of the Company (as defined in the agreement), Ms. Nelson is entitled to a lump sum severance payment (the Severance Payment) equal to two times the sum of her salary as in effect at the effective time of the termination of employment and the amount of bonus earned during the prior calendar year. In addition, Ms. Nelson is also entitled to receive the Severance Payment in the event that she resigns her employment for any reason during the thirteenth month following a change in control of the Company. The agreement also provides that if Ms. Nelson is terminated for any reason during the 13-month period following a change in control of the Company, Ms. Nelson will not solicit customers or employees from the Company or the Bank for a 12-month period following her termination.

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PART III

ITEM 9. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, PROMOTERS AND CONTROL PERSONS; COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT

The responses to this Item are included in the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the following headings and are incorporated herein by reference:

Proposal: Election of Directors Class I Director Nominees, Class II Continuing Directors and Class III Continuing Directors;

Executive Officers; and

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance.

The Company has a Code of Ethics that applies to the Company s principal executive officer and its principal financial and accounting officer. The Company will provide a copy of the Code of Ethics free of charge to any shareholder upon written request to the Company.

ITEM 10. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The responses to this Item are included in the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the heading Compensation, and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 11. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The responses to this Item are partially included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the heading Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management, and are incorporated herein by reference.

The following table sets forth information regarding the number of shares subject to options issued and reserved for future issuance under the Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan and warrants issued to the Company s directors. The Stock Incentive Plan was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on March 19, 2002 and was approved by the shareholders of the Company on April 23, 2002. The Company does not maintain any other equity compensation plans.

Number of shares remaining available for Number of securities to Weighted-averaguture issuance under be issued upon exercise exercise price of the Plan (excludes of outstanding options outstanding optionsutstanding options)

Equity
compensation
plans approved
by security
holders 34,919 \$ 10.14 62,986

Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders

ecurity holders 200,105(1) 10.00

Total 235,024 \$ 10.02 62,986

(1) Represents warrants issued to the Company s directors on July 6, 2001. The warrants became exercisable in equal one-third (1/3) annual increments beginning on July 6, 2002 and are now fully exercisable. Exercisable warrants will remain exercisable for the ten-year period following the date of issuance or for 90 days after the warrant holder ceases to be a director of the Company, whichever is shorter. The exercise price of each warrant is subject to adjustment for stock splits, recapitalizations or other similar events. Additionally, if the Bank s capital falls below the minimum level, as determined by the OCC, the Company may be directed to require the directors to exercise or forfeit their warrants.

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ITEM 12. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The responses to this Item are included in the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the headings Relationships and Related Transactions and Compensation, and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 13. EXHIBITS

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 3.2 Bylaws (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 4.1 Specimen Stock Certificate (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 4.2 See Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 for provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws defining rights of holders of common stock
- 10.1* Employment Agreement dated as of July 27, 1999 between the Islands Bancorp and William B. Gossett (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 10.2 Form of Organizers Warrant Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 10.3 Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A of Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB filed April 1, 2002)
- 10.3.1 Form of Incentive Stock Option Award under the Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan
- 10.3.2 Form of Non-qualified Stock Option Award under the Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan
 - 10.5 Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Crescent Resources, LLC and Islands Community Bank, N.A., dated April 14, 2005 and as amended June 28, 2005 and July 28, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB filed November 15, 2005)
 - 10.6 Change in Control Agreement between Carol J. Nelson, Islands Bancorp and Islands Community Bank, N.A., dated as of January 24, 2006
 - 13.1 Islands Bancorp 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders. Except with respect to those portions specifically incorporated by reference into this Report, the Company s 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders is not deemed to be filed as part of this Report
 - 22.1 Subsidiaries of Islands Bancorp

- 24.1 Power of Attorney (appears on the signature pages to this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB)
- 31.1 Certification Pursuant to Section 301 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
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ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The responses to this Item are included in the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the heading Independent Public Accountants.

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^{*}Compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Islands Bancorp has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ISLANDS BANCORP

By: /s/ JOHN R. PERRILL John R. Perrill

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 21, 2006

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears on the signature page to this Report constitutes and appoints John R. Perrill and D. Martin Goodman, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Report, and to file the same, with all exhibits hereto, and other documents in connection herewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as they might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of Islands Bancorp and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

	SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
/s	S/ Louis O. Dore	Director	March 21, 2006
	Louis O. Dore		
P	aul M. Dunnavant, III	Treasurer and Director	
/s/	Martha B. Fender	Vice Chairman and Director	March 21, 2006
	Martha B. Fender		
/s/	Daryl A. Ferguson	Director	March 21, 2006
	Daryl A. Ferguson		

/s/ D. Martin Goodman	Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 21, 2006
D. Martin Goodman		
/s/ Stancel E. Kirkland, Sr.	Director	March 21, 2006
Stancel E. Kirkland, Sr.		
/s/ CARL E. LIPSCOMB	Director	March 21, 2006
Carl E. Lipscomb		

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SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE		
/s/ Edward J. McNeil, Jr.	Secretary and Director	March 21, 2006		
Edward J. McNeil, Jr.		2000		
/s/ JIMMY LEE MULLINS, SR.	Director	March 21, 2006		
Jimmy Lee Mullins, Sr.		2000		
/s/ Carol J. Nelson	Chief Financial Officer	March 21, 2006		
Carol J. Nelson**		2000		
/s/ Frances K. Nicholson	Director	March 21, 2006		
Frances K. Nicholson		2000		
/s/ John R. Perrill	Acting Chief Executive Officer	March 21, 2006		
John R. Perrill*	Officer	2000		
Dr. Narayan Shenoy	Director			
/s/ J. Frank Ward	Director	March 21, 2006		
J. Frank Ward		2000		
/s/ Bruce K. Wyles	Director	March 21, 2006		
Bruce K. Wyles		2000		

^{*} Principal Executive Officer

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^{**} Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 3.2 Bylaws (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 4.1 Specimen Stock Certificate (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 4.2 See Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 for provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws defining rights of holders of common stock
- 10.1* Employment Agreement dated as of July 27, 1999 between the Islands Bancorp and William B. Gossett (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 10.2 Form of Organizers Warrant Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-92653, filed December 13, 1999)
- 10.3 Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A of Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB filed April 1, 2002)
- 10.3.1 Form of Incentive Stock Option Award under the Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan
- 10.3.2 Form of Non-qualified Stock Option Award under the Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan
- 10.5 Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Crescent Resources, LLC and Islands Community Bank, N.A., dated April 14, 2005 and as amended June 28, 2005 and July 28, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB filed November 15, 2005)
- 10.6 Change in Control Agreement between Carol J. Nelson, Islands Bancorp and Islands Community Bank, N.A., dated as of January 24, 2006
- 13.1 Islands Bancorp 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders. Except with respect to those portions specifically incorporated by reference into this Report, the Company s 2005 Annual Report to Shareholders is not deemed to be filed as part of this Report
- 22.1 Subsidiaries of Islands Bancorp
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MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion of Islands Bancorp (the Company) and its financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Company s consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere herein.

The Company was formed for the purpose of becoming a bank holding company by owning the capital stock of Islands Community Bank, N.A. (the Bank). Because the primary activity of the Company is the ownership and operation of the Bank, the Company s financial performance has been determined primarily by the operation of the Bank. Accordingly, the discussion below relates principally to the operations of the Bank.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and financial reporting policies of the Company conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and to general practices within the banking industry. The following is a description of the accounting policies applied by the Company which are deemed critical. Critical accounting policies are defined as policies that are very important to the presentation of the Company s financial condition and results of operations, and that require management s most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments. The Company s financial results could differ significantly if different judgments or estimates are applied in the application of the policies.

Management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in order to prepare the consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Management has determined that the accounting for the allowance for loan losses is a critical accounting policy with respect to the determination of financial condition and reporting results of operations.

The collectibility of loans is reflected through the Company s estimate of the allowance for loan losses. The Company performs periodic and systematic detailed reviews of its lending portfolio to assess overall collectibility. This analysis includes consideration of historical performance, current economic conditions, the level of nonperforming loans, loan concentrations, and a review of certain individual loans. The Company s allowance for loan losses provides for probable losses based upon evaluations of known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio.

Management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate. While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, future additions to the allowance for loan losses may be necessary based on changes in economic conditions. In addition, the regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the allowance. These agencies may require the Bank to recognize additions to the allowance based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

For the year ended December 31, 2005, total assets increased by \$18,223,000, ending the year at \$66,207,000 compared to \$47,984,000 at December 31, 2004. The primary contributor to the increase in assets was the Company s loan portfolio, which increased by \$12,887,000 during 2005, ending the year at \$54,310,000 as compared to \$41,423,000 at December 31, 2004. Loan demand in the Company s primary market area of Beaufort County remained strong in 2005, and the Bank added an additional lender to further service this area. During 2005, the investment portfolio increased by \$467,000, and federal funds sold increased by \$4,053,000, as deposits increased in excess of the demand for loans.

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Total deposits increased \$18,008,000 to \$58,135,000 at December 31, 2005. This growth is a result of an increase of \$2,141,000 in noninterest-bearing demand, an increase of \$1,226,000 in interest-bearing demand, savings and money market accounts, and an increase of \$14,641,000 in certificates of deposit. As interest rates increased throughout 2005, the Bank began offering a 5% 17-month certificate of deposit which was attractive to local depositors.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, total assets increased by \$15,559,000 and ended 2004 at \$47,984,000. The major component of the increase was the loan portfolio, which increased by \$14,749,000 as the Bank continued to grow and add customers. Federal funds sold increased by \$774,000, and investment securities decreased by \$165,000, as the Bank was able to invest the majority of new funds into loans. Total deposits increased by \$14,471,000, with growth in all deposit categories. Noninterest-bearing demand deposits increased by \$1,965,000, interest-bearing demand and money market accounts increased by \$1,277,000, and certificates of deposit increased by \$11,229,000.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Company s results of operations are impacted by its ability to effectively manage interest income and expense, to minimize loan and investment losses, to generate noninterest income and to control noninterest expense. Because interest rates are determined by market forces and economic conditions beyond the control of the Company, the ability to generate net interest income depends on the Company s ability to maintain an adequate spread between the rate earned on interest-earning assets and the rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings. Thus, net interest income is a key performance measure of income.

NET INTEREST INCOME

The Company reported net interest income of \$2,469,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to \$1,551,000 in 2004. The increase in net interest income was due to both an increase in the volume of average earning assets and an increase in yields.

Average earning assets increased \$17,481,000 during 2005, due primarily to an increase of \$14,960,000 in average outstanding loans. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the yield on average earning assets was 7.11% compared to 6.29% during 2004. The increase in the yield on average earning assets can be attributed to the increases in the prime rate which began in 2004 and continued throughout 2005. Average interest-bearing liabilities increased by \$14,575,000 in 2005 primarily due to an increase of \$13,331,000 in average outstanding certificates of deposit. The Bank s cost of funds for 2005 was 3.04% compared to 2.46% for 2004. The interest rate spread, which is the difference between the yield on earning assets and the rate paid on liabilities, increased to 4.07% for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to 3.83% for 2004. The net interest margin, which is net interest income divided by average earning assets, increased to 4.53% in 2005 compared to 4.19% in 2004.

Net interest income in 2004 was \$1,551,000 compared to \$1,067,000 in 2003. This increase can be attributed primarily to an \$11,124,000 increase in average outstanding loans due to continuing strong loan demand in the Company s primary market area, combined with a decrease in the Bank s cost of funds. The increase in average loans was funded primarily with deposits, as average interest-bearing deposits increased by \$8,551,000 in 2004. The interest rate

paid on average interest-bearing liabilities was 2.46% in 2004 compared to 2.67% in 2003.

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The table below shows the yearend average balances for each category of interest-earning asset and interest-bearing liability and the average rate of interest earned or paid (dollars in thousands).

	Year Ended			Year Ended						
				er 31, 20 erest	005		December 31, 2004 Interest			
		verage alance		come/ xpense	Yield/ Rate		verage alance		come/ pense	Yield/ Rate
Federal funds sold	\$	3,240	\$	106	3.27%	\$	1,129	\$	16	1.42%
Interest bearing										
deposits		73		2	2.74%		39			
Investment										
securities		2,574		81	3.15%		2,198		58	2.64%
Loans		48,591		3,683	7.58%		33,631		2,253	6.70%
Total earning assets	\$	54,478	\$	3,872	7.11%	\$	36,997	\$ 2	2,327	6.29%
Interest bearing	Φ.	0.100	Φ.	106	1.669	Φ.	7.242	Φ.		1 210
deposits	\$	8,188	\$	136	1.66%	\$	7,342	\$	89	1.21%
Certificates of deposit		35,798		1,195	3.34%		22,467		631	2.81%
Other borrowings		2,188		73	3.34%		1,790		57	3.18%
Total interest-bearing										
liabilities	\$	46,174	\$	1,404	3.04%	\$	31,599	\$	777	2.46%
Net yield on										
earning assets					4.53%					4.19%

PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES

The Company s allowance for loan losses was \$679,000 at December 31, 2005, compared to \$488,000 at December 31, 2004, representing 1.25% and 1.18% of yearend outstanding loans as of 2005 and 2004, respectively. The allowance for loan losses reflects management s assessment and estimate of the risks associated with extending credit and its evaluation of the quality of the loan portfolio. The Bank periodically analyzes the loan portfolio in an effort to review asset quality and to establish an allowance for loan losses that management believes will be adequate in light of anticipated risks and loan losses.

The allowance for loan losses is established through charges to expense in the form of a provision for loan losses. Loan losses and recoveries are charged and credited directly to the allowance. The provision for loan losses was \$225,000 in 2005 compared to \$191,000 in 2004. The provision for loan losses reflects management s estimate of probable loan losses inherent in the portfolio and the creation of an allowance for loan losses adequate to absorb such losses.

While it is the Bank s policy to charge off in the current period loans for which a loss is considered probable, there are additional risks of future losses which cannot be quantified precisely or attributed to particular loans or classes of

loans. Because these risks include the state of the economy, management s judgment as to the adequacy of the allowance is necessarily approximate and imprecise. After review of all relevant matters affecting loan collectibility, management believes the allowance for loan losses is adequate.

NONINTEREST INCOME

The following table summarizes the major components of noninterest income for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 (dollars in thousands).

	Ended 1 005	ber 31, 004
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$ 158	\$ 133
Gains on sales of loans	164	181
Mortgage loan brokerage fees	69	44
Other income	74	60
Total noninterest income	\$ 465	\$ 418

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Noninterest income for 2005 was \$465,000 compared to \$418,000 for the year ended December 31, 2004. Service charges on deposit accounts increased by \$25,000 as the Bank s deposit base continued to grow. Gains on sales of SBA loans decreased by \$96,000 due to less secondary market activity in 2005; however, gains on sales of mortgage loans increased by \$79,000 as the Bank hired an experienced mortgage lender. Mortgage loan brokerage fees increased by \$25,000 in 2005 due to increased productivity by the mortgage department. Other income increased by \$14,000 primarily due to increases in fees received from ATM and debit card transactions, and an increase in income from the servicing of SBA loans.

NONINTEREST EXPENSE

The following table summarizes the major components of noninterest expense for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 (dollars in thousands).

		r Ended 1 2005		nber 31, 2004
Salaries and employee benefits	\$	1,034	\$	884
Data processing and ATM expense	·	181	•	159
Depreciation expense		154		141
Professional fees		257		71
Supplies and printing		34		33
Taxes and insurance		52		42
Utilities and telephone		32		28
Advertising and public relations		77		49
Other operating expenses		150		128
Total noninterest expense	\$	1,971	\$	1,535

The largest component of noninterest expense is salaries and benefits, which increased to \$1,034,000 as of December 31, 2005 compared to \$884,000 in 2004. This increase was primarily due to an increase in the number of employees, normal salary increases, and increases in health insurance and other employee benefits. Data processing and ATM expense increased by \$22,000 due to continued increases in the Bank s customer base and increased transaction activity. Depreciation expense increased by \$13,000 primarily due to replacement of the Bank s main server and additional equipment needed to support the increase in staff. Professional services increased by \$186,000 due to increased audit expenses, legal expenses, and expenses related to executive officer changes. Other operating expenses increased in line with the overall growth of the Bank during the year.

As a percentage of total average assets, noninterest expense was 3.4% and 3.8% for 2005 and 2004, respectively. The efficiency ratio (noninterest expense divided by net interest income plus other income) was 67% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to 78% in 2004.

INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY

The Company s objective is to manage assets and liabilities to provide a satisfactory, consistent level of profitability within the framework of established policies. Interest rate sensitivity refers to the responsiveness of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities to changes in market

interest rates. The rate sensitive position, or gap, is the difference in the volume of rate sensitive assets and liabilities at a given time interval. A negative gap (more liabilities repricing than assets) generally indicates that a bank s net interest income will decrease if interest rates rise and will increase if interest rates fall. A positive gap generally indicates that a bank s net interest income will decrease if interest rates fall and will increase if interest rates rise. The general objective of gap management is to manage rate sensitive assets and liabilities so as to reduce the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the net interest margin.

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The interest rate sensitivity position at December 31, 2005 is presented in the following table. The difference between rate sensitive assets and rate sensitive liabilities, or the interest rate sensitivity gap, is shown at the bottom of the table (dollars in thousands.) However, income associated with interest-earning assets and costs associated with interest-bearing liabilities may not be affected uniformly by changes in interest rates. In addition, the magnitude and duration of changes in interest rates may have a significant impact on net interest income. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or periods of repricing, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates.

		After	After	After		
	Within	3 mos	6 mos but within	1 yr but within	After	
	3 months	6 mos	1 year	5 years	5 years	Total
EARNING ASSETS						
Loans	\$ 25,302	\$ 7,072	\$ 5,623	\$ 16,093	\$ 219	\$ 54,309
Securities				1,500	1,159	2,659
Federal funds						
sold and other	4,969					4,969
Total earning						
assets	\$ 30.271	\$ 7,072	\$ 5,623	\$ 17,593	\$ 1,378	\$ 61,937
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INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES						
Interest bearing						
demand deposits						
and savings	\$ 8,341	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 8,341
Certificates						
under \$100M	4,855	5,010	7,213	12,850		29,928
Certificates						
\$100M and over	3,913	3,037	2,561	3,837		13,348
Borrowings	,	,	700	1,000		1,700
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Total						
interest-bearing						
liabilities	\$ 17,109	\$ 8,047	\$ 10,474	\$ 17,687	\$	\$ 53,317
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Interest rate	12.162	(07.5)	(4.051)	(0.4)	1.070	0.620
sensitivity gap	13,162	(975)				8,620
Cumulative gap	13,162	12,187	7,336	7,242	8,620	8,620
Interest rate						
sensitivity gap		0.0	~ .	00	37/4	1.16
ratio	1.77	.88	.54	.99	N/A	1.16
Cumulative						
interest rate						
sensitivity gap		1 10	1.00			
ratio	1.77	1.48	1.20	1.11	1.16	1.16
Adjustable rate loans are shown in the above table in the period in which						

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interest rates are next scheduled to adjust rather than in the period in which

they are due, and fixed rate loans are included in the periods in which they are anticipated to be repaid based on scheduled maturities. The Bank s savings accounts and interest-bearing demand accounts (NOW and money market deposit accounts), which are generally subject to immediate withdrawal, are included in the three months or less category; however, historical experience has proven these deposits to be more stable over the course of a year. The table does not necessarily indicate the impact of general interest rate movements on the net interest margin since the repricing of various categories of assets and liabilities is subject to competitive pressures and the needs of the Bank s customers.

LIQUIDITY

The Bank must maintain, on a daily basis, sufficient funds to cover the withdrawals from depositors—accounts and to supply new borrowers with funds. To meet these obligations, the Bank keeps cash on hand, maintains account balances with its correspondent banks, and purchases and sells federal funds and other short-term investments. Asset and liability maturities are monitored in an attempt to match these to meet liquidity needs.

Liquidity represents the ability to provide steady sources of funds for loan commitments and investment activities, as well as to maintain sufficient funds to cover deposit withdrawals and payment of debt and operating obligations. These funds can be obtained by converting assets to cash or by attracting new deposits. The Company s primary source of liquidity is its ability to maintain and increase core deposits of the Bank.

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Below are the pertinent liquidity balances and ratios at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

	December 31		
	2005	2004	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,840	\$ 1,540	
Securities available for sale	\$ 2,659	\$ 2,188	
CDs over \$100,000 to total deposits ratio	23.0%	22.5%	
Brokered deposits	0	0	
Loan to deposit ratio	93%	103%	

At December 31, 2005, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$5,840,000, representing 8.8% of total assets. Securities available for sale provide a secondary source of liquidity and totaled \$2,659,000 at December 31, 2005. Scheduled loan payments are a relatively stable source of funds, but loan payoffs and deposit flows can fluctuate significantly since they are influenced by interest rates, competition and general economic conditions.

At December 31, 2005, large denomination certificates represented 23.0% of total deposits. Large denomination CDs are generally more volatile than other deposits. As a result, management continually monitors the competitiveness of the rates it pays on its large denomination certificates and periodically adjusts its rates in accordance with market demands. Significant withdrawals of large denomination certificates may have a material adverse effect on the Bank s liquidity.

At December 31, 2005, the Company had loan commitments outstanding of \$10,019,000. Because these commitments generally have fixed expiration dates and may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Bank maintains relationships with correspondent banks that can provide funds to it on short notice if needed. The Bank currently has arrangements with correspondent banks for short-term unsecured advances up to \$5,040,000.

CAPITAL ADEQUACY

There are two primary measures of capital adequacy for banks and bank holding companies: (i) risk-based capital ratios and (ii) the leverage ratio.

Risk-based capital guidelines measure the amount of a bank s required capital in relation to the degree of risk perceived in its assets and its off-balance sheet items. Under the risk-based capital guidelines, capital is divided into two tiers. Tier 1 capital generally consists of common shareholders equity, non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock, a limited amount of qualifying cumulative perpetual preferred stock and minority interest, less goodwill and other specified intangibles. Tier 2 capital consists of a limited amount of the allowance for possible loan losses, hybrid capital instruments, term subordinated debt and intermediate term preferred stock. Banks are required to maintain a minimum risk-based capital ratio of 8.0%, with at least 4.0% consisting of Tier 1 capital.

The second measure of capital adequacy relates to the leverage ratio. The leverage ratio is computed by dividing Tier 1 capital by total average assets. For banks not receiving the highest safety and soundness rating by their primary regulator, the minimum leverage ratio should be 3.0% plus an additional cushion of at least 1 to 2 percent, depending upon risk profiles and

Edgar Filing: Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Value Fund - Form N-CSRS other factors.

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The table below shows the Bank and Company s regulatory capital ratios at December 31, 2005:

	December 31, 2005	Minimum Regulatory Requirement
Bank		_
Tier 1 Capital	10.5%	4.0%
Tier 2 Capital	1.2%	N/A
Total risk-based capital ratio	11.7%	8.0%
Leverage ratio	9.1%	3.0%
Company Consolidated Tier 1 Capital	10.5%	4.0%
Tier 2 Capital	1.3%	N/A
Total risk-based capital ratio	11.8%	8.0%
Leverage ratio	9.1%	3.0%

The above ratios indicate that the capital positions of the Company and the Bank are sound and that the organization is well positioned for future growth.

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ISLANDS BANCORP

BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Shareholders

Islands Bancorp

Beaufort, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Islands Bancorp and subsidiary, (the Company), as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2005. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Islands Bancorp, and subsidiary at December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Francis & Co., CPAs

Atlanta, Georgia

February 23, 2006

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ISLANDS BANCORP

BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of December 31, 2005 2004					
ASSETS						
Cash and due from banks	\$ 871,491	\$ 730,629				
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	133,713	27,480				
Federal funds sold	4,834,905	782,000				
Total cash and cash equivalents	5,840,109	1,540,109				
Securities:						
Available-for-sale at fair value	2,625,535	2,158,126				
Loans, net	53,630,260	40,934,809				
Property and equipment, net	3,333,014	2,800,967				
Other assets	777,794	549,692				
Total Assets	\$ 66,206,712	\$ 47,983,703				
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Deposits:						
Non-interest bearing deposits	\$ 6,518,928	\$ 4,378,127				
Interest bearing deposits	51,616,172	35,749,189				
Total deposits	58,135,100	40,127,316				
FHLB advances	1,700,000	2,200,000				
Other liabilities	568,423	390,354				
Total Liabilities	60,403,523	42,717,670				
Commitments and Contingencies						
Shareholders Equity:						
Common stock, zero par value, 10,000,000						
shares authorized; 652,705 shares issued and		(212 0 5				
outstanding	6,213,061	6,213,061				
Retained (deficit)	(387,558)	(927,289)				
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss), net of tax	(22,314)	(19,739)				
Total Shareholders Equity	5,803,189	5,266,033				
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	\$ 66,206,712 \$ 47,983,7					

Refer to notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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ISLANDS BANCORP

BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Yea Decembe			ber 31,	
Laterant Language		2005		2004	
Interest Income:	ው /	2 602 005	Φ,	2 252 670	
Interest and fees on loans	Э.	3,683,095	Э.	2,253,670	
Interest on investment securities		83,053		57,803	
Interest on federal funds sold		106,596		16,048	
Total interest income	Total interest income 3,872,744				
Interest Expense:					
Interest on deposits and borrowings		1,404,089		776,684	
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Net interest income	,	2,468,655		1,550,837	
Provision for possible loan losses		225,000		190,413	
Net interest income after provision for possible loan losses		1,360,424			
Other Income:					
Service fees on deposit accounts		158,110		133,089	
Gain on sale of loans		163,492		181,300	
Mortgage loan brokerage fees		68,957		43,342	
Other income		74,273		60,175	
Total other income	464,832			417,906	
Other Expenses:					
Salaries and benefits		1,034,156		884,490	
Data processing and ATM		180,827		158,959	
Depreciation		153,506		140,707	
Professional fees		257,269		71,027	
Other operating expenses		344,831		279,865	
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Total other expenses		1,970,589		1,535,048	
Income before income tax expense		737,898		243,282	
Income tax expense		198,167		94,434	
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Net Income	\$	539,731	\$	148,848	
Basic income per share	\$.83	\$.23	
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Diluted income per share	\$.80	\$.23	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:					
Basic		652,705		652,705	

Diluted 674,702 652,705

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2005

	Comr	mon Stock		A	I	
					Other	
	No. of Shares	Common Stock		Retained Co (Deficit) In	omprehensiv ncome/(Loss	
Balance, December 31, 2003	652,705	\$ 6,213,061	\$ (1,076,137)	\$ (20,827)	\$ 5,116,097
Comprehensive income:						
Net income, 2004				148,848		148,848
Net unrealized gain, securities					1,088	1,088
Total comprehensive income				148,848	1,088	149,936
Balance, December 31, 2004	652,705	6,213,061		(927,289)	(19,739)	5,266,033
Comprehensive income:						
Net income, 2005				539,731		539,731
Net unrealized (loss), securities					(2,575)	(2,575)
Total comprehensive income				539,731	(2,575)	537,156
Balance, December 31, 2005	652,705	\$ 6,213,061	\$	(387,558)	\$ (22,314)	\$ 5,803,189

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
		2005		2004	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$	539,731	\$	148,848	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net					
cash provided by operating activities:					
Provision for possible loan losses		225,000		190,413	
Depreciation		153,506		140,707	
Net amortization on securities		22,066		6,223	
(Increase) in receivables and other assets		(228,102)		(89,201)	
Increase in payables and other liabilities		178,069		238,107	
Net cash provided by operating activities		890,270		635,097	
Cash flows from investing activities: Principal reduction, securities, AFS		1,046,084		756 470	
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Purchase of securities, AFS		(1,538,134)	(597,005)		
(Increase) in loans, net	((12,920,451)			
(Purchase) of property and equipment		(685,553)		26,517	
Net cash used by investing activities	((14,098,054)	(14,592,48		
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Increase in deposits		18,007,784		14,470,762	
(Decrease)/increase in borrowed funds		(500,000)		700,000	
Net cash provided by financing activities		17,507,784		15,170,762	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		4,300,000		1,213,379	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		1,540,109		326,730	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	5,840,109	\$	1,540,109	
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:					
Income taxes paid	\$	223,850	\$		
Interest paid	\$	1,334,965	\$	752,273	

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NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION OF THE BUSINESS

Islands Bancorp (the Company) is a one-bank holding company with respect to Islands Community Bank, N.A., Beaufort, South Carolina, (the Bank). The Company was incorporated on July 23, 1999, and principal operations commenced on July 9, 2001, when the Bank opened for business. The Bank engages in the business of obtaining deposits and providing commercial, consumer and real estate loans to the general public.

The Company is authorized to issue up to 10.0 million shares of its zero par value per share common stock. In the public offering that was completed in early 2001, 652,155 shares of the Company s common stock were sold and issued. Proceeds from the offering, net of selling expenses, amounted to \$6,207,561. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, there were 652,705 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

The Company is also authorized to issue of up to 2.0 million shares of preferred stock. The Company s Board of Directors may, without further action by the shareholders, direct the issuance of preferred stock for any proper corporate purpose with preferences, voting powers, conversion rights, qualifications, special or relative rights and privileges which could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of shareholders of common stock. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, there were no shares of the Company s preferred stock issued or outstanding.

The Company s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws contain certain provisions that might be deemed to have potential defensive anti takeover effects. These certain provisions include: (i) provisions relating to meetings of shareholders which limit who may call meetings and what matters will be voted upon; (ii) the ability of the Board of Directors to issue additional shares of authorized preferred stock without shareholder approval, thus retaining the ability to dilute any potential acquirer attempting to gain control by purchasing Company stock; (iii) a staggered Board of Directors, limiting the ability to change the members of the Board in a timely manner, and (iv) a provision that requires two-thirds of the shareholders to approve mergers and similar transactions, and amendments to the articles of incorporation.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation and Reclassification. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary. The Bank is a voting interest entity under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation; such reclassifications had no impact on net income or shareholders equity.

Basis of Accounting. The accounting and reporting policies of the Company conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to general practices within the banking industry. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance for possible loan losses, the fair value of financial instruments, and the status of contingencies.

Cash, Due from Banks and Federal Funds Sold. The Company maintains deposit relationships with other financial institutions in amounts that exceed federal deposit insurance coverage. Furthermore, federal funds sold

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are essentially uncollateralized loans to other financial institutions. Management regularly evaluates the credit risks associated with the counterparties to these transactions and believes that the Company is not exposed to any significant credit risks on the above accounts.

Securities. Securities that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity and are reported at amortized cost. Securities held for current resale are classified as trading securities and are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses included in earnings. Securities to be held for indefinite periods of time are classified as available-for-sale and carried at fair value with the unrealized holding gains/losses reported as a component of other comprehensive income, net of tax. Generally, in the available-for-sale category are securities that are held to meet investment objectives such as interest rate risk, liquidity management and asset-liability management strategies among others. The classification of investment securities as held-to-maturity, trading or available-for-sale is determined at the date of purchase. The Company does not have any held-to-maturity or trading securities as of December 31, 2005 and 2004. Securities with limited marketability, such as stock in the Federal Reserve Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank, are carried at cost.

Interest income includes amortization of purchase premiums and discounts. Realized gains and losses are derived from the amortized cost of the security sold. Declines in the fair value of held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers, among other things, (i) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (ii) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (iii) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

Loans. Loans are reported at the principal balance outstanding net of unearned discounts. Interest income on loans is reported on the level-yield method and includes amortization of deferred loan fees and costs over the loan term. Loan commitment fees for commitment periods greater than one year are deferred and amortized into fee income on a straight-line basis over the commitment period.

The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued when, in management s opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received in excess of principal due. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due in accordance with the original contractual terms of the agreement, including scheduled principal and interest payments. Impairment is evaluated on an individual loan basis. If a loan is impaired, a specific valuation allowance is allocated, if necessary, so that the loan is reported net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan s existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Interest payments on impaired loans are typically applied to principal unless collectibility of the principal amount is reasonably assured, in which case interest is recognized on a cash basis. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible.

SBA Loans. At times, the Bank originates loans to customers under Small Business Administration (SBA) programs that generally provide for SBA guarantees of 50% to 85% of each loan. Periodically, the Bank sells the

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guaranteed portion of certain SBA loans to investors and retains the unguaranteed portion and servicing rights. Gains on these sales are earned through the sale of the guaranteed portion of the loan for an amount in excess of the adjusted carrying value of the portion of the loan sold. At the time of sale, the Bank allocates the carrying value of such loans between the portion sold, the portion retained, and a value assigned to servicing rights. The difference between the adjusted carrying value of the portion retained and the face amount of the portion retained is amortized to interest income over the life or anticipated life of the related loan.

Allowance for Possible Loan Losses. The allowance for possible loan losses (the Allowance) represents management s estimate of probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The Allowance is established through provisions charged to operations. Loans deemed to be uncollectible are charged against the Allowance, and subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the Allowance. The adequacy of the Allowance is based on management s evaluation of the loan portfolio under current economic conditions, past loan loss experience, adequacy of underlying collateral, changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, review of specific problem loans, and such other factors which, in management s judgment, deserve recognition in estimating loan losses. The evaluation for the adequacy of the Allowance is inherently subjective, as it requires material estimates, including the amounts and timing of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans that may be susceptible to significant change. Various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Company s Allowance. Such agencies may require the Company to recognize additions to the Allowance based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

The Company s allowance for possible loan losses consists of three elements: (i) specific valuation allowances established for probable losses on specific loans; (ii) historical valuation allowances calculated based on historical loan loss experience for similar loans with similar characteristics and trends; and (iii) unallocated general valuation allowances determined based on general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company.

Property and Equipment. Building, leasehold improvements, furniture, and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Land is carried at cost. Depreciation is computed principally by the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations, while major improvements are capitalized. Upon retirement, sale or other disposition of property and equipment, the cost and accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts, and gain or loss is included in operations. The Company had no capitalized lease obligations at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Other Real Estate. Other real estate represents property acquired by the Company in satisfaction of a loan. Other real estate is carried at the lower of: (i) cost or (ii) fair value less estimated selling costs. Fair value is determined on the basis of current appraisals, comparable sales and other estimates of value obtained principally from independent sources. Any excess of the loan balance at the time of foreclosure over the fair value of the real estate held as collateral is treated as a loan loss and charged against the allowance for loan losses. Gain or loss on the sale of the property and any subsequent adjustments to reflect changes in fair value of the property are reflected in the income statement. Recoverable costs relating to the development and improvement of the property are capitalized whereas routine holding costs are charged to expense. The Company had no other real estate at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Income Taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined using the liability (or balance sheet) method. Under this method, the net deferred tax asset or liability is determined based on the tax effects of the

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differences between the book and tax bases of the various balance sheet assets and liabilities and gives recognition to changes in tax rates and laws.

A valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is required when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In assessing the realization of the deferred tax assets, management considers the scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income (in the near-term based on current projections), and tax planning strategies.

The operating results of the Company and its subsidiary are included in consolidated income tax returns.

Stock-Based Compensation. Employee compensation expense under stock option plans is reported only if options are granted below market price at grant date in accordance with the intrinsic value method of Accounting Principles Board Opinion (APB) No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations by accounting standards setters. Because the exercise price of the Company's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the measurement date, which is generally the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized on options granted. Compensation expense for non-vested stock awards is based on the market price of the stock on the measurement date, which is generally the date of grant, and is recognized ratably over the service period of the award.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (SFAS 123), Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, as amended by SFAS 148, requires pro forma disclosures of net income and earnings per share for companies not adopting its fair value accounting method for stock-based employee compensation. The pro forma disclosures as required under SFAS 123 and 148 are presented below.

	Ye	ear Ended I 2005)ece	ember 31, 2004
Net income, as reported	\$	539,731	\$	148,848
Stock-based compensation expense		(61,768)		(60,960)
Pro-forma (fair value) net income	\$	477,963	\$	87,888
Basic income per share:				
As reported	\$.83	\$.23
Pro-forma	\$.73	\$.13

Diluted income per share:		
As reported	\$.80	\$.23
Pro-forma	\$.71	\$.13
Pro-forma value of option issued	\$ 4.02	N/A

The pro-forma (fair value) was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model (BLSC Model). BLSC Model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility, and risk-free interest rates. Since changes in the subjective assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in management s opinion, existing models (such as the BLSC Model) do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of the Company s options and warrants.

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Below are details concerning the input assumptions utilized in conjunction with BLSC Model to produce the estimates for pro-forma (fair value) income for the periods below.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	
Risk-free interest rate	4.25%	%	
Dividend yield			
Volatility factor	12.0%	%	
Weighted average life of option	10 yrs		

The Company expects to adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 123, Share-Based Payment (Revised 2004), on January 1, 2006. Among other things, SFAS 123R eliminates the ability to account for stock-based compensation using APB 25 and requires that such transactions be recognized as compensation cost in the income statement based on their fair values on the date of the grant.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits with other financial institutions that have an initial maturity of less than 90 days, federal funds sold and resell agreements. Net cash flows are reported for loans, loans held for sale, deposit transactions, and short-term borrowings.

Operating Segments. The Company determined, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, Disclosure about Segment of an Enterprise and Related Information, that it is a single reportable entity. The Company s business activities are confined to community banking.

Earnings Per Share. Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted income per share is determined by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding increased by the number of common shares that would be issued assuming exercise of stock options. This also assumes that only options with an exercise price below the existing market price will be exercised. In computing net income per share, the Company uses the treasury stock method.

Comprehensive Income. Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains and losses be included in net income. Although certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, are reported as a separate component of the equity section of the balance sheet, such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income. Comprehensive income for calendar years 2005 and 2004 are shown in the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders equity.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements. SFAS No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, a Replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3. SFAS 154 establishes, unless impracticable, retrospective application as the required method for reporting a change in accounting principle in the absence of explicit transition requirements specific to a newly adopted accounting principle. Previously, most changes in accounting principle were recognized by including the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle in net income of the period of the change. Under SFAS 154, retrospective application requires (i) the cumulative effect of the change to the new accounting principle on periods prior to those presented to be reflected in the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities as of the beginning of the first period presented, (ii) an offsetting adjustment, if any, to be made to the opening balance of retained earnings (or other appropriate components of equity) for that period, and (iii) financial statements for each individual prior period presented to be adjusted to

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reflect the direct period-specific effects of applying the new accounting principle. Special retroactive application rules apply in situations where it is impracticable to determine either the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. Indirect effects of a change in accounting principle are required to be reported in the period in which the accounting change is made. SFAS 154 carries forward the guidance in APB Opinion 20 Accounting Changes, requiring justification of a change in accounting principle on the basis of preferability. SFAS 154 also carries forward without change the guidance contained in APB Opinion 20, for reporting the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements and for a change in an accounting estimate. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The Corporation does not expect SFAS 154 will significantly impact its financial statements upon its adoption on January 1, 2006.

SFAS No. 123, Share-Based Payment (Revised 2004). SFAS 123R establishes standards for the accounting for transactions in which an entity (i) exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services, or (ii) incurs liabilities in exchange for goods or services that are based on the fair value of the entity s equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of the equity instruments. SFAS 123R eliminates the ability to account for stock-based compensation using APB 25 and requires that such transactions be recognized as compensation cost in the income statement based on their fair values on the measurement date, which is generally the date of the grant. SFAS 123R was to be effective for the Company on July 1, 2005; however, the required implementation date was delayed until January 1, 2006. The Company will transition to fair-value based accounting for stock-based compensation using a modified version of prospective application (modified prospective application). Under modified prospective application, as it is applicable to the Company, SFAS 123R applies to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after January 1, 2006. Additionally, compensation cost for the portion of awards for which the requisite service has not been rendered (generally referring to non-vested awards) that are outstanding as of January 1, 2006 must be recognized as the remaining requisite service is rendered during the period of and/or the periods after the adoption of SFAS 123R. The attribution of compensation cost for those earlier awards will be based on the same method and on the same grant-date fair values previously determined for the pro forma disclosures required for companies that did not adopt the fair value accounting method for stock-based employee compensation.

FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 115-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments. FSP 115-1 provides guidance for determining when an investment is considered impaired, whether impairment is other-than-temporary, and measurement of an impairment loss. An investment is considered impaired if the fair value of the investment is less than its cost. If, after consideration of all available evidence to evaluate the realizable value of its investment, impairment is determined to be

other-than-temporary, then an impairment loss should be recognized equal to the difference between the investment s cost and its fair value. FSP 115-1 nullifies certain provisions of Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 03-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and It s Application to Certain Investments, while retaining the disclosure requirements of EITF 03-1 which were adopted in 2003. FSP 115-1 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The Company does not expect FSP 115-1 will significantly impact its financial statements upon its adoption on January 1, 2006.

NOTE 3 FEDERAL FUNDS SOLD

The Bank is required to maintain legal cash reserves computed by applying prescribed percentages to its various types of deposits. When the Bank s cash reserves are in excess of the required amount, the Bank may lend the excess to other banks on a daily basis. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, federal funds sold were \$4,834,905 and \$782,000, respectively.

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NOTE 4 SECURITIES AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE

The amortized costs and estimated market values of securities available-for-sale as of December 31, 2005 follow:

	Amortized		Gross realized	Estimated Market
Description	Costs	Gains	Losses	Values
U.S. Agency	\$ 1,498,738	\$	\$ (14,363)	\$ 1,484,375
U.S. Agency pool	804,606		(19,446)	785,160
Other securities	356,000			356,000
Total securities	\$ 2,659,344	\$	\$ (33,809)	\$ 2,625,535

Other securities include FRB and FHLB stock. Since no ready market exists for these securities, FRB and FHLB stock are reported at cost.

The amortized costs and estimated market values of securities available-for-sale as of December 31, 2004 follow:

	Amortized	Gross	Unrealized	Estimated Market
Description	Costs	Gains	Losses	Values
U.S. Agency	\$ 503,715	\$	\$ (590)	\$ 503,125
U.S. Agency pool	1,368,018	874	(30,191)	1,338,701
Other securities	316,300			316,300
Total securities	\$ 2,188,033	\$ 874	\$ (30,781)	\$ 2,158,126

The amortized costs and estimated market values of securities available-for-sale at December 31, 2005, by contractual maturity, are shown in the following chart. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

		Estimated
	Amortized	Market
	Costs	Values
Due in one to five years	\$ 1,498,738	\$ 1,484,375

Due in ten years or more	804,606	785,160
FRB & FHLB stock (no maturity)	356,000	356,000

Total securities \$ 2,659,344 \$ 2,625,535

No securities were sold by the Company in either calendar year 2005 or 2004, and none of the securities was pledged as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

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Information pertaining to securities with gross unrealized losses at December 31, 2005 and 2004, aggregated by investment category and further segregated by the length of time (less than or over twelve months) that the securities have been in a continuous loss position follows:

	December 31, 2005					
	Twelve N	Months	Twelve	Months	Tot	al
	Fair		Fair		Fair	
	X 7-1	Unrealized	¥71	Unrealized	V -1	Unrealized
T T G	Value	Loss	Value	Loss	Value	Loss
U.S.						
Agency	\$ 1,484,375	\$ (14,363)	\$	\$	\$ 1,484,375	\$ (14,363)
U.S. Agency						
pool			785,160	(19,446)	785,160	(19,446)
Total	\$ 1,484,375	\$ (14,363)	\$ 785,160	\$ (19,446)	\$ 2,269,535	\$ (33,809)

	December 31, 2005					
	Less than Over					
	Twelve M	Ionths	Twelve N	Twelve Months		al
	Fair		Fair	Fair		
	U Value	Jnrealized Loss	l Value	Unrealized Loss	Value	Unrealized Loss
U.S. Agency	\$ 503,125	\$ (590)	\$	\$	\$ 503,125	\$ (590)
U.S. Agency pool			1,148,391	(30,191)	1,148,391	(30,191)
Total	\$ 503,125	\$ (590)	\$ 1,148,391	\$ (30,191)	\$ 1,651,516	\$ (30,781)

Unrealized losses in the securities portfolio amounted to \$33,809 (2005) and \$30,781 (2004) representing 1.29% (2005) and 1.43% (2004) of the total portfolio. All of the unrealized losses relate to U.S. Agency securities and U.S. government corporations. These unrealized losses were caused by fluctuations in market interest rates, rather than concerns over the credit quality of the issuers. The Company believes that the U.S. Agencies and government corporations will continue to honor their interest payments on time as well as the full debt at maturity. Because the unrealized losses are due to fluctuations in the interest rate, and no credit-worthiness factors exist, the Company

believes that the investments are not considered other-than-temporarily impaired.

NOTE 5 LOANS

The composition of net loans by major loan category, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, follows:

	December 31,		
	2005	2004	
Commercial, financial, agricultural	\$ 8,640,354	\$ 6,389,530	
Real estate construction	17,082,585	11,084,783	
Real estate mortgage	25,994,861	18,973,750	
Installment	2,591,801	4,974,601	
Loans, gross	54,309,601	41,422,664	
Deduct:			
Allowance for loan losses	(679,341)	(487,855)	
Loans, net	\$ 53,630,260	\$ 40,934,809	

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The Company considers impaired loans to include all restructured loans, loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued, loans that are not performing in accordance with agreed upon terms, and all other loans that are performing according to the loan agreement but may have substantive indication of potential credit weakness. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the total recorded investment in impaired loans, all of which had allowances determined in accordance with FASB Statements No. 114 and No. 118, amounted to approximately \$459,951 and \$816,137, respectively. The average recorded investment in impaired loans amounted to approximately \$532,764 and \$663,119, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The allowance for loan losses related to impaired loans amounted to approximately \$68,993 and \$169,648 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Interest income recognized on impaired loans for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 amounted to \$31,975 and \$39,597, respectively. The amount of interest recognized on impaired loans using the cash method of accounting was not material for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Loans on non-accrual status at December 31, 2005 and 2004 had outstanding balances of \$313,148 and \$249,202, respectively. Interest recognized on non-accruing loans at December 31, 2005 and 2004 was \$9,136 and \$3,347 respectively. The Company has no commitments to lend additional funds to borrowers whose loans have been modified.

NOTE 6 ALLOWANCE FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES

The allowance for possible loan losses is a valuation reserve available to absorb future loan charge-offs. The Allowance is increased by provisions charged to operating expenses and by recoveries of loans which were previously written-off. The Allowance is decreased by the aggregate loan balances, if any, which were deemed uncollectible during the year.

Individual consumer loans are predominantly undersecured, and the allowance for possible losses associated with these loans has been established accordingly. Real estate, receivables, inventory, machinery, equipment, or financial instruments generally secure the majority of the non-consumer loan categories. The amount of collateral obtained is based upon management s evaluation of the borrower.

Activity within the Allowance account for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 follows:

	Years ended December 31,		
	2005 20		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 487,855	\$ 326,555	
Add: Provision for loan losses	225,000	190,413	

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Add: Recoveries of previously charged off amounts		532
		002
Total	712,855	517,500
Deduct: Amount charged-off	(33,514)	(29,645)
Balance, end of year	\$ 679,341	\$ 487,855

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NOTE 7 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Components of property and equipment included in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2005 and 2004 follow:

	December 31,		
	2005	2004	
Land	\$ 1,383,911	\$ 750,614	
Building	1,872,135	1,872,135	
Furniture, equipment	625,223	572,967	
Property and equipment, gross	3,881,269	3,195,716	
Deduct:			
Accumulated depreciation	(548,255)	(394,749)	
_			
Property and equipment, net	\$ 3,333,014	\$ 2,800,967	

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 amounted to \$153,506 and \$140,707, respectively. Depreciation is charged to operations over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives and methods of depreciation for the principal items follow:

Type of Asset	Life in Years	Depreciation Method
Furniture and equipment	3 to 7	Straight-line
Building	5 to 40	Straight-line

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, included under Land in the above table are investments in the amount of \$1,180,125 and \$546,828, respectively. The investments relate to two (2005) and one (2004) tracts of land that the Company intends to utilize for future expansion.

NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, there are various outstanding commitments to extend credit in the form of unused loan commitments and standby letters of credit that are not reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Since commitments may expire without being exercised, these amounts do not necessarily represent future funding requirements. The Company uses the same credit and collateral policies in making commitments as those it uses in making loans.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had unused loan commitments of approximately \$10,019,119 and \$6,094,763, respectively. Additionally, standby letters of credit of approximately \$176,920 and \$344,087 were outstanding at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The majority of these commitments are collateralized by various assets. No material losses are anticipated as a result of these transactions.

The Company and its subsidiary are subject to claims and lawsuits that arise primarily in the ordinary course of business. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company and its subsidiary.

On July 27, 1999, the Company entered into an employment agreement (the Agreement) with its President and Chief Executive Officer (the CEO) regarding his employment with the Company and the Bank. Upon

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expiration of the initial term of the Agreement in July 2004, the Agreement automatically renewed for additional two-year terms unless either party notified the other of its intent not to renew at least 180 days prior to the then-current term. On November 15, 2005, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Company terminated the CEO s employment. Under the Agreement, the CEO received an annual salary and bonus if certain performance criteria were met. He was also provided with an automobile, life insurance coverage, club dues, retirement, medical and other benefit programs.

Please refer to Note 14 concerning warrants and options earned by directors and Bank personnel.

NOTE 9 BORROWINGS

During calendar year 2005 and 2004, the Bank obtained funds, in the form of borrowings, from the Federal Home Loan Bank (the FHLB). These borrowings are secured by specific first lien residential mortgages held by the Bank. Additional information on the advances are provided below:

C	Outstanding	Borrowings		First Possible		
December 31,		Interest	Interest Adjustment	Is Principal	Maturity	
	2005	2004	Rate	or Call Date	Amortizing?	Date
\$	700,000	\$ 700,000	4.42%	Monthly	No	9/14/06
]	1,000,000	1,000,000	3.64%	N/A	No	9/24/08
		500,000	2.32%	N/A	No	12/22/05
\$ 1	1,700,000	\$ 2,200,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note that the interest rate on the \$700,000 advance adjusts monthly and is 4.42% as of December 31, 2005. The interest rate on the other two advances is fixed until expiration.

NOTE 10 DEPOSITS

The following details deposit accounts at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

	Decem	ber 31,
	2005	2004
Non-interest hearing denosits	\$ 6518 928	\$ 4378 127

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Interest bearing deposits:		
NOW accounts	2,697,994	2,055,427
Money market accounts	4,764,716	4,383,644
Savings	877,809	675,421
Time, less than \$ 100,000	29,927,537	19,604,665
Time, \$100,000 and over	13,348,116	9,030,032
Total interest bearing deposits	51,616,172	35,749,189
Total deposits	\$ 58,135,100	\$40,127,316

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At December 31, 2005, the scheduled maturities of all certificates of deposit were as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2006	\$ 26,588,958
2007	14,548,823
2008	1,911,352
2009	223,858
2010	2,662
Total	\$ 43,275,653

NOTE 11 INTEREST ON DEPOSITS AND BORROWINGS

A summary of interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 follows:

		December 31,		
		2005	2004	
NOW accounts	\$	30,826	\$ 24,026	
Money market accounts		97,035	58,407	
Savings		7,949	6,108	
Time, less than \$ 100,000		834,459	447,335	
Time, \$100,000 and over		360,520	183,773	
Other borrowings		73,300	57,035	
Total interest on deposits and other				
borrowings	\$ 1	,404,089	\$ 776,684	

NOTE 12 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

A summary of other operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 follows:

	Decembe	December 31,		
	2005	2004		
Supplies and printing	\$ 33,616	\$ 32,504		
Taxes and insurance	51 587	42.475		

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Utilities and telephone	31,764	28,167
Advertising and public relations	77,218	48,792
All other	150,646	127,927
Total other operating expenses	\$ 344,831	\$ 279,865

NOTE 13 INCOME TAXES

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company $\,$ s provision for income taxes consisted of the following:

	Decemb	December 31,	
	2005	2004	
Current	\$ 129,129	\$	
Deferred	69,038	94,434	
Federal income tax expense	\$ 198,167	\$ 94,434	

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The Company s provision for income taxes differs from the amounts computed by applying the federal income tax statutory rates to income before income taxes. A reconciliation of federal statutory income taxes to the Company s actual income tax provision follows:

	Decemb	December 31,	
	2005	2004	
Income taxes at statutory rate	\$ 250,885	\$ 82,718	
State tax, net of Federal benefits	29,942	10,930	
Change in valuation allowance		(47,731)	
Other	(82,660)	48,517	
Total	\$ 198,167	\$ 94,434	

The tax effects of the temporary differences that comprise the net deferred tax assets at December 31, 2005, and 2004 are presented below:

	2005	2004
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 230,976	\$ 165,871
Net operating loss carryforward		83,543
Organization costs	32,932	65,864
Available for sale securities	11,495	10,168
Gross deferred tax assets	275,403	325,446
Less, deferred tax liabilities:		
Accumulated depreciation	17,052	515
Deferred tax assets net of deferred liabilities	258,351	324,931
Less, valuation allowance	(65,702)	(65,702)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 192,649	\$ 259,229

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Based upon the projection for future taxable income over the periods which the temporary

differences resulting in the deferred tax assets are deductible, management believes it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of those deductible differences, net of the existing valuation allowance at December 31, 2005.

NOTE 14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Directors Warrants. The Directors of the Company received an aggregate total of 210,115 stock warrants, or approximately one stock warrant for each one share of the Company's common stock purchased by the directors in the initial public offering. Each warrant entitles its holder to purchase one share of the Company's common stock for \$10.00. As of December 31, 2005, all warrants were fully vested. All unexercised warrants will expire on July 8, 2011. During calendar years 2005 and 2004, no warrants were granted, exercised, or forfeited. There were 200,105 warrants outstanding at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

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Options. The Company has a stock option plan with 97,905 shares of options authorized. During calendar year 2005, 1,000 stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$10.00 per share and with a vesting period of three years. In addition, 5,000 stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$11.00 per share and with an immediate vesting. No stock options were granted during calendar year 2004. During calendar years 2005 and 2004, no stock options were exercised. In calendar year 2005, 19,581 options were forfeited. No stock options were forfeited during calendar year 2004. Of the 54,500 stock options granted since inception, 34,919 are outstanding and 27,280 are fully vested at December 31, 2005. The average exercise price of an option as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 is \$10.14 and \$10.00, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, 62,986 and 49,405 options, respectively, were available for grant.

Borrowings and Deposits by Directors and Executive Officers. Certain directors, principal officers and companies with which they are affiliated are customers of and have banking transactions with the Bank in the ordinary course of business. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, loans outstanding to directors, their related interests and executive officers aggregated \$3,499,034 and \$2,818,192, respectively. These loans were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the same time for comparable transactions with unrelated parties. In the opinion of management, loans to related parties did not involve more than normal credit risk or present other unfavorable features.

A summary of the related party loan transactions during the calendar years 2005 and 2004 follows:

	Insider Loan	Insider Loan Transactions	
	2005	2004	
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,818,192	\$ 844,269	
New loans	2,212,825	2,225,355	
Less: Principal reductions	(1,531,983)	(251,432)	
Balance, end of year	\$ 3,499,034	\$ 2,818,192	

Deposits by directors and their related interests, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 approximated \$1,178,711 and \$598,407, respectively.

NOTE 15 CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT

The Company originates primarily commercial, residential, and consumer loans to customers in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and surrounding counties. The ability of the majority of the Company s customers to honor their

contractual loan obligations is dependent on economic conditions prevailing at the time in Beaufort County and the surrounding counties.

Approximately 79.4% of the Company s loan portfolio is concentrated in loans secured by real estate, of which a substantial portion is secured by real estate in the Company s primary market area. Accordingly, the ultimate collectibility of the loan portfolio is susceptible to changes in market conditions in the Company s primary market area. The other significant concentrations of credit by type of loan are set forth under Note 5.

The Company, as a matter of policy, does not generally extend credit to any single borrower or group of related borrowers in excess of 15% of the Bank s statutory capital, or approximately \$970,000.

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NOTE 16 REGULATORY MATTERS

The Company is governed by various regulatory agencies. The FRB regulates bank holding companies and their nonbanking subsidiaries. National banks are primarily regulated by the OCC. The FDIC also regulates all federally-insured banks. The Company s banking subsidiary includes a national bank, which is insured by the FDIC.

Various requirements and restrictions under federal and state laws regulate the operations of the Company. These laws, among other things, require the maintenance of reserves against deposits, impose certain restrictions on the nature and terms of the loans, restrict investments and other activities, and regulate mergers and the establishment of branches and related operations. The ability of the parent company to pay cash dividends to its shareholders and service debt may be dependent upon cash dividends from its subsidiary bank. The subsidiary bank is subject to limitations under federal law in the amount of dividends it may declare. At December 31, 2005, none of the subsidiary bank s capital accounts was available for dividend declaration without prior regulatory approval.

The banking industry is also affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of regulatory authorities, including the FRB. Through open market securities transactions, variations in the discount rate, the establishment of reserve requirements and the regulation of certain interest rates payable by member banks, the FRB exerts considerable influence over the cost and availability of funds obtained for lending and investing. Changes in interest rates, deposit levels and loan demand are influenced by the changing conditions in the national economy and in the money markets, as well as the effect of actions by monetary and fiscal authorities. Pursuant to the FRB s reserve requirements, the Bank was required to maintain certain cash reserves in the amount of \$50,000 at December 31, 2005.

The Company and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possible additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company s financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the company s assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weighting and other factors.

Qualitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios

(set forth in the table below) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and of Tier 1 capital to average assets (as defined). Management believes that the Company and the Bank, as of December 31, 2005, meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

As of December 31, 2005, the Bank was considered to be Well Capitalized. There are no conditions or events since December 31, 2005 that management believes have changed the Bank s Well Capitalized category. To be categorized as Adequately Capitalized or Well Capitalized, the Bank must maintain the following capital ratios:

	Adequately Capitalized	Well Capitalized
Total risk-based capital ratio	8.0%	10.0%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	4.0%	6.0%
Tier 1 leverage ratio	4.0%	5.0%

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The Company $\, s$ and the Bank $\, s$ actual capital amounts and ratios are presented in the following table:

Minimum Regulatory Capital Guidelines for Banks

			Ad	equ	ately			
(Dollars in	Actua	ıl	Ca	oita	lized	Well (Сар	italized
thousands)	AMOUNTR	ATIO	AMOUN	Γ	RATIO	AMOUN	ΓÎ	RATIO
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005:								
Total capital-risk-based (to risk-weighted assets):								
Bank	\$ 6,477	11.7%	\$ 4,418	≥	8%	\$ 5,523	≥	10%
Consolidated	6,504	11.8%	6 4,418	≥	8%	N/A	≥	N/A
Tier 1 capital-risk-based (to risk-weighted assets):								
Bank	\$ 5,798	10.5%	\$ 2,209	≥	4%	\$ 3,314	≥	6%
Consolidated	5,825	10.5%			4%			N/A
Tier 1 capital-leverage (to average assets):								
Bank	\$ 5,798	9.1%	\$ 2,556	≥	4%	\$ 3,195	≥	5%
Consolidated	5,825	9.1%	2,556	≥	4%	N/A		N/A

Minimum Regulatory Capital Guidelines for Banks

		AC	iequately		
(Dollars in	Actual	Ca	pitalized	Well Cap	italized
thousands)	AMOUNTRA	TIO AMOUN	T RATIO	AMOUNT	RATIO
AS OF					
DECEMBER 31,					
2004:					
Total					
capital-risk-based					
(to risk-weighted					
assets):					
Bank	\$ 5,646	13.8% \$ 3,266	5 ≥ 89	% \$4,082 ≥	10%

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Consolidated	5,674	13.9%	3,266 ≥	8%	N/A ≥	N/A
Tier 1						
capital-risk-based						
(to risk-weighted						
assets):	Φ.5.15O	10 607	1 (22)	107	# 2 440 ×	601
Bank	\$ 5,158	12.6%	\$ 1,633 ≥	4%	\$ 2,449 ≥	2 6%
Consolidated	5,186	12.7%	1,633 ≥	4%	N/A ≥	N/A
Tier 1 capital-leverage (to average assets):						
Bank	\$ 5,158	10.9%	\$ 1,885 ≥	4%	\$ 2,357 ≥	5%
Consolidated	5,186	11.0%	1,885 ≥	4%	N/A	N/A
NOTE 17 DI	VIDENDS					

The primary source of funds available to the Company to pay cash dividends and other expenses is from the Bank. Bank regulatory authorities impose restrictions on the amounts of dividends that may be declared by the Bank. For example, the Bank may not pay cash dividends until it is cumulatively profitable. Cash dividends to shareholders are not expected for the foreseeable future.

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NOTE 18 PARENT COMPANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This information should be read in conjunction with the other notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Parent Company Balance Sheets

	December 31,		
	2005	2004	
Assets:			
Cash	\$ 27,566	\$ 27,837	
Investment in Bank	5,775,623	5,238,196	
Total Assets	\$ 5,803,189	\$ 5,266,033	
	, ,	,,	
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity:			
Total Liabilities	\$	\$	
Shareholders Equity:			
Common stock	6,213,061	6,213,061	
Retained (deficit)	(387,558)	(927,289)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(22,314)	(19,739)	
Total Shareholders equity	5,803,189	5,266,033	
. ,			
Total Liabilities and Shareholders equity	\$ 5,803,189	\$ 5,266,033	

Parent Company Statements of Operations

	Year Ended December 31,			
	20	05	200	4
Income:				
Interest income	\$	429	\$	305
Total revenues		429		305
Expenses:				
Total expenses		700		
		(271)		305

Income/(loss) before equity in undistributed earnings of Bank

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Equity in undistributed earnings of Bank	540,002	148,543
Net income	\$ 539,731	\$ 148,848

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Parent Company Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended l 2005	December 31, 2004
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 539,731	\$ 148,848
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Equity in undistributed earnings of Bank	(540,002)	(148,543)
Net cash used by operating activities	(271)	305
Cash flows from investing activities: Net cash from investing activities Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net cash from financing activities		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	(271) 27,837	305 27,532
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 27,566	\$ 27,837

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MARKET FOR THE COMPANY S COMMON STOCK

There is no public market for the Company s common stock. Very few trades took place during calendar year 2005 and 2004. During 2005 and 2004 all trades known to management were at \$10.00 per share, with the exception of one trade which took place on December 8, 2005 at \$11.00 per share.

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APPENDIX E

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2006

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM

TO

Commission File No. 33-31013 - A

ISLANDS BANCORP

(EXACT NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS ISSUER AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER) $\,$

South Carolina (State of incorporation)

57-1082388 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.) 2348 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902

(Address of principal executive offices)

(843) 521-1968

(Issuer s telephone number, including area code)

Check whether the issuer (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 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 $\ddot{}$

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES $^{\circ}$ NO x

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common equity as of the latest practicable date:

 $740,\!260$ SHARES OF COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE PER SHARE, ON NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (check one): Yes "No x

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 (UNAUDITED)		DEC	EMBER 31, 2005
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and due from banks	\$	1,142	\$	871
Interest bearing deposits in banks		116		134
Federal funds sold		6,831		4,835
Total cash and cash equivalents		8,089		5,840
Securities available for sale		3,072		2,269
Nonmarketable equity securities, at cost		392		356
Total securities		3,464		2,625
Loans		62,245		54,310
Less allowance for loan losses		791		679
Less anowance for four fosses		771		017
Loans, net		61,454		53,631
Premises and equipment, net		3,245		3,333
Other assets		765		778
Total assets	\$	77,017	\$	66,207
Liabilities				
Deposits				
Noninterest bearing	\$	6,268	\$	6,519
Interest bearing		61,894		51,616
Total deposits		68,162		58,135
Other borrowings		1,000		1,700
Other liabilities		750		569
Total liabilities		69,912		60,404
Shareholders equity				
Common stock, zero par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, 740,260 and 652,705 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2006 and		7,089		6,213

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December 31, 2005, respectively		
Retained earnings (deficit)	32	(388)
Accumulated other comprehensive		
(loss)	(16)	(22)
Total shareholders equity	7,105	5,803
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 77,017	\$ 66,207

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, $2006\ \mathrm{AND}\ 2005$

(UNAUDITED)

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	THREE MONTHS ENDEININE MONTHS END SEPTEMBER 30, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 2005 2006 2005			
Interest income				
Loans, including fees	\$ 1,367	\$ 979	\$ 3,696	\$ 2,641
Investment securities:				
Taxable	34	32	89	57
Nontaxable	5		10	
Interest bearing deposits in				
banks	3	1	6	1
Federal funds sold	51	30	131	68
Total	1,460	1,042	3,932	2,767
Interest expense				
Deposits	594	348	1,544	922
Other borrowings	26	20	61	54
Total	620	368	1,605	976
Net interest income	840	674	2,327	1,791
Provision for loan losses	60	44	123	159
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	780	630	2,204	1,632
Noninterest income			, -	,,,,,
Service charges on deposit				
accounts	40	39	114	124
Gains on sales of loans	21	33	73	122
Other income	35	27	123	101
Total noninterest income	96	99	310	347
Noninterest expense				
Salaries and employee				
benefits	301	271	904	779
Net occupancy expense	59	60	199	168
Other operating expense	286	147	769	404
Total noninterest expense	646	478	1,872	1,351
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Income before income taxes	230	251	642	628
Income tax expense	90	97	248	229
Net income	\$ 140	\$ 154	\$ 394	\$ 399
Earnings per share				
Basic	\$.19	\$.23	\$.55	\$.61
Diluted	\$.18	\$.23	\$.52	\$.61

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005 (UNAUDITED)

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005

(UNAUDITED)

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS END SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 2005		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income	\$ 394	\$ 399	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash			
provided by operating activities			
Provision for loan losses	123	159	
Depreciation expense	116	112	
Other, net	215	(55)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	848	615	
and provided by episoning account			
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of available for sale securities	(1,015)	(1,467)	
Purchases of nonmarketable equity securities	(36)	(31)	
Paydowns and calls of available for sale securities	212	919	
Net increase in loans	(7,935)	(9,538)	
Purchases of fixed assets	(28)	(49)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,802)	(10,166)	
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net increase in deposits	10,027	12,383	
Net decrease in other borrowings	(700)		
Exercise of director warrants	876		
Net cash provided by financing activities	10,203	12,383	
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,249	2,832	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	5,840	1,540	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 8,089	\$ 4,372	
Cash paid during the period for:			
Income taxes	\$ 20	\$ 15	
Interest	\$ 1,510	\$ 951	

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements for interim financial statements and, accordingly, they are condensed and omit disclosures which would substantially duplicate those contained in the most recent annual report on Form 10-KSB. The financial statements, as of September 30, 2006 and for the interim periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation. The financial information as of December 31, 2005 has been derived from the audited financial statements as of that date. For further information, refer to the financial statements and the notes included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2005.

NOTE 2 PENDING MERGER WITH AMERIS BANCORP

On August 15, 2006, the Company signed a definitive agreement to merge with Ameris Bancorp. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company s shareholders will receive \$22.50 per share and may elect cash or Ameris common stock as consideration. The merger agreement has been approved by each party s Board of Directors and is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company, receipt of required regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. The Company expects the transaction to close in the fourth quarter of 2006.

NOTE 3 RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The following is a summary of recent authoritative pronouncements that could impact the accounting, reporting, and/or disclosure of financial information by the Company.

In February 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140. This Statement amends SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, and SFAS No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities. This Statement resolves issues addressed in SFAS No. 133 Implementation Issue No. D1, Application of Statement 133 to Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets. SFAS No. 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after the beginning of an entity s first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS No. 155 will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140. This Statement amends FASB No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities, with respect to the accounting for

separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. SFAS No. 156 requires an entity to recognize a servicing asset or servicing liability each time it undertakes an obligation to service a financial asset by entering into a servicing contract; requires all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities to be initially measured at fair value, if practicable; permits an entity to choose its subsequent measurement methods for each class of separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities; at its initial adoption, permits a one-time reclassification of available-for-sale securities to trading securities by entities with recognized servicing rights, without calling into question the treatment of other available-for-sale securities under Statement 115, provided that the available-for-sale securities are identified in some manner as offsetting the entity s exposure to changes in fair value of servicing assets or servicing liabilities that a servicer elects to subsequently measure at fair value; and requires separate presentation of servicing assets and servicing liabilities subsequently measured at fair value in the statement of financial position and additional disclosures for all separately recognized servicing assets and

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servicing liabilities. An entity should adopt SFAS No. 156 as of the beginning of its first fiscal year that begins

after September 15, 2006. The Company does not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 156 will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprises financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributable for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosures and transitions. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is currently analyzing the effects of FIN 48.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2008 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans (SFAS 158), which amends SFAS 87 and SFAS 106 to require recognition of the overfunded or underfunded status of pension and other postretirement benefit plans on the balance sheet. Under SFAS 158, gains and losses, prior service costs and credits, and any remaining transition amounts under SFAS 87 and SFAS 106 that have not yet been recognized through net periodic benefit cost will be recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax effects, until they are amortized as a component of net periodic cost. The measurement date the date at which the benefit obligation and plan assets are measured is required to be the company s fiscal year end. SFAS 158 is effective for publicly?held companies for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006, except for the measurement date provisions, which are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008. The Company is currently analyzing the effects of SFAS 158 but does not expect its implementation will have a significant impact on the Company s financial condition or results of operations.

In September, 2006, The FASB ratified the consensuses reached by the FASB s Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) relating to EITF 06-4 Accounting for the Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements . EITF 06-4 addresses employer

accounting for endorsement split-dollar life insurance arrangements that provide a benefit to an employee that extends to postretirement periods should recognize a liability for future benefits in accordance with FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 106, Employers Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions , or Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 12, Omnibus Opinion 1967 . EITF 06-4 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. Entities should recognize the effects of applying this Issue through either (a) a change in accounting principle through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings or to other components of equity or net assets in the statement of financial position as of the beginning of the year of adoption or (b) a change in accounting principle through retrospective application to all prior periods. The Company does not believe the adoption of EITF 06-4 will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On September 13, 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulleting No. 108 (SAB 108). SAB 108 provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a potential current year misstatement. Prior to SAB 108, Companies might evaluate

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the materiality of financial statement misstatements using either the income statement or balance sheet approach, with the income statement approach focusing on new misstatements added in the current year, and the balance sheet approach focusing on the cumulative amount of misstatement present in a company s balance sheet. Misstatements that would be material under one approach could be viewed as immaterial under another approach, and not be corrected. SAB 108 now requires that companies view financial statement misstatements as material if they are material according to either the income statement or balance sheet approach. The Company has analyzed SAB 108 and determined that upon adoption it will have no impact on the reported results of operations or financial conditions.

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies are not expected to have a material impact on the Company s financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

NOTE 4 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation , to account for compensation costs under its stock option plan. The Company previously utilized the intrinsic value method under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (as amended) (APB 25). Under the intrinsic value method prescribed by APB 25, no compensation costs were recognized for the Company s stock options because the option exercise price in its plan equals the market price on the date of grant. Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company only disclosed the pro forma effects on net income and earnings per share as if the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123(R) had been utilized.

In adopting SFAS No. 123, the Company elected to use the modified prospective method to account for the transition from the intrinsic value method to the fair value recognition method. Under the modified prospective method, compensation cost is recognized from the adoption date forward for all new stock options granted and for any outstanding unvested awards as if the fair value method had been applied to those awards as of the date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share as if the fair value based method had been applied to all outstanding and unvested awards in each period (in thousands, except per share amounts).

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

	2006		2	005
Net income as reported	\$	140	\$	154
Add: Stock-based employee		11		
compensation expense included in				

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reported net income, net of related tax effects Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects (11)(15)Pro forma net income including stock-based compensation cost based on fair-value method \$ 140 \$ 139 Earnings per share: Basic as reported \$.19 \$.23 Basic pro forma \$.19 \$.21 Diluted as reported \$.18 \$.23 Diluted pro forma \$.18 \$.21

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$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL} \\ \textbf{STATEMENTS} \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{(Continued)} \end{array}$

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	 ONTHS ENI 006	 EMBER 3
Net income as reported	\$ 394	\$ 399
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax		
effects	24	
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all		
awards, net of related tax effects	(24)	(45)
Pro forma net income including stock-based compensation cost based on fair-value method	\$ 394	\$ 354
Earnings per share:		
Basic as reported	\$.55	\$.61
Basic pro forma	\$.55	\$.54
Diluted as reported	\$.52	\$.61
Diluted pro forma	\$.52	\$.54

NOTE 5 EARNINGS PER SHARE

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 are as follows (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006				
	INCOME	SHARES	SI	PER IARE	
Basic earnings per share	(NUMERATOR)	DENOMINATOR)	AM	OUNT	
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 140	740,260	\$	0.19	
Effect of dilutive securities					
Stock options and warrants		43,052			

Diluted earnings per share

conversions

Income available to common shareholders plus assumed conversions	\$ 140	783,312	\$	0.18
	INCOME	REE MONTHS ENDE SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 SHARES DENOMINATOR)	SI	PER HARE IOUNT
Basic earnings per share	,	·		
Income available to common				
shareholders	\$ 154	652,705	\$	0.23
Effect of dilutive securities				
Stock options and warrants				
Diluted earnings per share				
Income available to common shareholders plus assumed				

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 2006				
	INCOME (NUMERATOR)D	SHARES DENOMINATOR)		SHARE IOUNT	
Basic earnings per share					
Income available to common					
shareholders	\$ 394	721,423	\$	0.55	
Effect of dilutive securities					
Stock options and warrants		41,830			
Diluted earnings per share					
Income available to common					
shareholders plus assumed					
conversions	\$ 394	763,253	\$	0.52	
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	INCOME (NUMERATOR)D	SHARES DENOMINATOR)		SHARE IOUNT	
Basic earnings per share					
Basic earnings per share Income available to common					
Income available to common	(NUMERATOR)D	DENOMINATOR)	AM	IOUNT	
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NOTE 6 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Comprehensive income includes net income and other comprehensive income, which is defined as nonowner related transactions in equity. The following table sets forth the amounts of other comprehensive income included in equity along with the related tax effect for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 (in thousands):

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006				
	PRE-TAX AMOUNT	`			OF-TAX OUNT
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:					
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period	\$ 27	\$	(9)	\$	18

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Plus: reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) realized in net income			
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	27	(9)	18
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 27	\$ (9)	\$ 18

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:					
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising					
during the period	\$	\$		\$	
Plus: reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) realized in net income					
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities					
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$	\$		\$	
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				S ENDEI 30, 2006)
	PRE-TAX			NET-O	
	AMOUNT	BENI	EFIT	AMO	UNT
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:					
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising	¢ 0	¢	(2)	¢	
during the period	\$ 9	\$	(3)	\$	6
Plus: reclassification adjustment for					
gains (losses) realized in net income					
Not unrealized sains (lesses) on					
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	9		(2)		6
securities	9		(3)		0
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$9	\$	(3)	\$	6
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				30, 2005	
	PRE-TAX AMOUNT			NET-O	
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:	AMOUNT	BENI	LFII	AMC	OUNT
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising					
during the period	\$8	\$	(3)	\$	5
Plus: reclassification adjustment for	ψΟ	Ψ	(3)	Ψ	3
gains (losses) realized in net income					
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Net unrealized gains (losses) on					
securities	8		(3)		5
securities	O		(3)		3
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$8	\$	(3)	\$	5
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Accumulated other comprehensive income consists solely of the unrealized gain (loss) on securities available-for-sale, net of the deferred tax effects.

NOTE 7 STOCK BASED COMPENSATION PLAN

On March 19, 2002, the Company established the Islands Bancorp 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan) that provides for the granting of options to purchase up to 97,905 shares of the Company s common stock to directors, officers, or employees of the Company. The per-share exercise price of the stock options granted is determined by the Plan s Administrative Committee. As of September 30, 2006, there were 57,036 shares available for grant.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, there were 1,000 options granted with an exercise price of \$11.00 and a vesting period of three years, and 4,950 options granted with an exercise price of \$11.00 which were fully vested on July 1, 2006.

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Fair values were estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions used for the 2006 and 2005 grants:

	2006	2005
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%
Expected volatility	5.00%	12.00%
Risk-free interest rate	4.29%	4.25%
Expected life	10	10

The following is a summary of activity under the Plan for the three months ended September 30, 2006:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2006	Options	Weighted Avg. Exercise Price		
Balance at July 1, 2006	40,869	\$	10.27	
Granted				
Exercised				
Cancelled				
Balance at September 30, 2006	40,869	\$	10.27	
Options exercisable at September 30, 2006	27,614	\$	10.18	

The following is a summary of activity under the Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2006:

		Weighted Avg. Exercise Price	
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	Options		
Balance at January 1, 2006	34,919	\$	10.14
Granted	5,950	\$	11.00
Exercised			
Cancelled			
Balance at September 30, 2006	40,869	\$	10.27
Options exercisable at September 30, 2006	27,614	\$	10.18

The Directors of the Company received an aggregate total of 200,105 stock warrants, or approximately one stock warrant for each one share of the Company s common stock purchased by the directors in the initial public offering. Each warrant entitles its holder to purchase one share of the Company s common stock for \$10.00. As of September 30, 2006, all warrants were fully vested. All unexercised warrants will expire on July 6, 2011.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, 87,555 warrants were exercised at an average exercise price of \$10.00. There were no warrants exercised during the nine months ended June 30, 2005. No warrants were granted or forfeited in either year. There were 112,550 warrants outstanding at September 30, 2006.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION

The following is a discussion of the Company s financial condition as of September 30, 2006 compared to December 31, 2005, and the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same periods in 2005. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our condensed financial statements and accompanying notes appearing in this report and in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes and disclosures in our Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2005. This report contains forward-looking statements relating to, without limitation, future economic performance, plans and objectives of management for future operations, and projections of revenues and other financial items that are based on the beliefs of management, as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to management. The words expect, estimate, anticipate, believe, project, intend, plan, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements, and our operating performance each quarter is subject to various risks and uncertainties that are discussed in detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

NET INTEREST INCOME

For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, net interest income, the major component of net income, increased \$536,000, or 30%, to \$2,327,000 as compared to \$1,791,000 for the same period in 2005. Interest and fee income from loans increased \$1,055,000, or 40%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. Average loans outstanding were \$58,314,000 for the first nine months of 2006 compared to \$47,067,000 for the same period in 2005. In addition, loan portfolio yields increased from 7.50% for the first nine months of 2005 to 8.47% for the same period in 2006 due to the rising interest rate environment during this time. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$1,605,000 as compared to \$976,000 for the same period in 2005. Average interest-bearing liabilities increased from \$44,780,000 during the first nine months of 2005 to \$56,624,000 for the same period in 2006. The average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities increased from 2.91% during the first nine months of 2005 to 3.80% for the same period in 2006. The interest rate spread, which is the difference between the yield on earning assets and the rate paid on liabilities, was 4.26% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to 4.11% for the same period in 2005. The net interest margin, which is net interest income divided by average earning assets, was 4.76% for the first nine months of 2006 compared to 4.54% for the same period in 2005.

For the three months ended September 30, 2006, net interest income increased \$166,000, or 25%, to \$840,000 as compared to \$674,000 for the same period in 2005. Interest and fee income from loans increased \$388,000, or 40%, for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 as the Bank continued to experience growth in the loan portfolio along with an increase in the average yield on loans. Average loans outstanding were \$49,220,000 during the third quarter of 2005 compared to \$61,191,000 for the same period in 2006. Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was \$620,000 as compared to \$368,000 for the same period in 2005. Average interest-bearing liabilities increased from \$44,508,000

during the third quarter of 2005 to \$54,704,000 for the same period in 2006, along with an increase in the average rate paid.

PROVISION AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The provision for loan losses is the charge to operating earnings that management believes is necessary to maintain the allowance for loan losses at an adequate level to reflect the losses inherent in the loan portfolio. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the provision charged to expense was \$123,000, as compared to \$159,000 for the same period in 2005. For the three months ended September 30, 2006, the provision charged to expense was \$60,000, as compared to \$44,000 for the same period in 2005. The allowance for loan losses represents 1.27% of gross loans at September 30, 2006 compared to 1.23% at September 30, 2005.

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There are risks inherent in making all loans, including risks with respect to the period of time over which loans may be repaid, risks resulting from changes in economic and industry conditions, risks inherent in dealing with individual borrowers, and, in the case of a collateralized loan, risks resulting from uncertainties about the future value of the collateral. The Company maintains an allowance for loan losses based on, among other things, historical experience, an evaluation of economic conditions, and regular reviews of delinquencies and loan portfolio quality. Management s judgment about the adequacy of the allowance is based upon a number of estimates and assumptions about present conditions and future events which are believed to be reasonable, but which may not prove to be accurate. Thus, there is a risk that charge-offs in future periods could exceed the allowance for loan losses or that substantial additional increases in the allowance for loan losses could be required. Additions to the allowance for loan losses would result in a decrease of net income and possibly capital.

NONINTEREST INCOME

Noninterest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$310,000, a decrease of \$37,000 from the comparable period in 2005. Service charges on deposit accounts totaled \$114,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to \$124,000 for the same period in 2005. The decrease in service charges was primarily due to a decrease in overdraft and NSF fees. Gains on sales of loans decreased by \$49,000 and totaled \$73,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$122,000 for the comparable period in 2005. The decrease is due to a reduction in gains on sales of SBA loans combined with an increase in mortgage loans closed in the broker s name. Other income increased by \$22,000 and totaled \$123,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$101,000 for the comparable period in 2005. The increase was primarily due to an increase in secondary market mortgage broker fees, partially offset by a decrease in SBA servicing income.

Noninterest income for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was \$96,000, a decrease of \$3,000 from the comparable period in 2005. Service charges on deposit accounts remained relatively constant, and totaled \$40,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to \$39,000 for the same period in 2005. Gains on sales of loans decreased by \$12,000 and totaled \$21,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$33,000 for the comparable period in 2005, with the decrease due to a reduction in gains on sales of SBA loans combined with an increase in mortgage loans closed in the broker s name. Other income increased by \$8,000 and totaled \$35,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$27,000 for the comparable period in 2005, with the increase primarily due to an increase in secondary market mortgage broker fees.

NONINTEREST EXPENSE

Noninterest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$1,872,000, an increase of \$521,000 from the comparable period in 2005. Salaries and employee benefits totaled \$904,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of \$125,000 from the comparable period in 2005. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the number of employees, normal salary increases and increases in employee benefits expense. In addition, in 2006 the Company recorded \$26,000 in compensation expense related to stock options as discussed in Note 3 above. Net occupancy expense totaled \$199,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, an

increase of \$31,000 from the comparable period in 2005. The increase was primarily due to increased depreciation expense and increases in maintenance and repairs. Other noninterest expense totaled \$769,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of \$365,000 from the comparable period in 2005. The increase was primarily due to increases in data processing and advertising expenses as a result of the Bank s growth, increases in other professional services such as technology support, and an increase in legal fees which were primarily due to the Company s pending merger with Ameris Bancorp.

Noninterest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was \$646,000, an increase of \$168,000 from the comparable period in 2005. Salaries and employee benefits totaled \$301,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of \$30,000 from the comparable period in 2005. The increase was primarily due

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to increases in the number of employees, salary increases, increased employee benefits expense and compensation expense related to stock options. Net occupancy expense remained relatively constant, and totaled \$59,000 for 2006 compared to \$60,000 in 2005. Other noninterest expense totaled \$286,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of \$139,000 from the comparable period in 2005. The increase was again primarily due to increases in data processing, advertising, technology support and legal fees.

INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$248,000 as compared to \$229,000 for the same period in 2005. Income tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was \$90,000 as compared to \$97,000 for the same period in 2005. All of the Company s net operating losses have been utilized for tax purposes, and the Company is now fully taxable for both Federal and state income tax purposes.

NET INCOME

The combination of the above factors resulted in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 of \$394,000 as compared to net income of \$399,000 for the same period in 2005. For the three months ended September 30, 2006, net income was \$140,000 as compared to \$154,000 for the same period in 2005.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

During the first nine months of 2006, total assets increased \$10,810,000, or 16.3%, when compared to December 31, 2005. The primary growth in assets was composed of an increase in loans of \$7,935,000, or 14.6%, during the first nine months of 2006. The growth in loans was funded by a corresponding increase in deposits. Total deposits increased \$10,027,000, or 17.2%, from December 31, 2005 to September 30, 2006. Other borrowings decreased by \$700,000 during the quarter due to the repayment, at maturity, of an advance from the Federal Home Loan Bank.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Securities available for sale increased from \$2,269,000 at December 31, 2005 to \$3,072,000 at September 30, 2006 primarily due to the purchase of SCM securities now that the Bank is fully taxable. All of the Bank s marketable investment securities were designated as available-for-sale at September 30, 2006. The increase of \$36,000 in nonmarketable equity securities was due to a required purchase of additional FHLB stock.

LOANS

Balances within the major loan categories as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 are as follows (in thousands):

	SEPT	EMBER 30,	DECI	EMBER 31,
		2006		2005
Real estate construction	\$	21,169	\$	17,082
Real estate mortgage		30,996		25,995
Commercial and industrial		7,219		8,640
Consumer and other		2,861		2,593
	\$	62,245	\$	54,310

The Bank continued its trend of loan growth during the first nine months of 2006. Outstanding loans increased \$7,935,000, or 14.6%, during the period. As shown above, the main component of growth in the loan portfolio was real estate mortgage loans which increased 19.2%, or \$5,001,000, from December 31, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

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RISK ELEMENTS IN THE LOAN PORTFOLIO

The following is a summary of risk elements in the loan portfolio (in thousands):

	EMBER 30, 2006	MBER 31, 2005
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 649	\$ 313
Accruing loans more than		
90 days past due	\$ 62	\$ 107
Loans identified by internal		
loan review:		
Criticized	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,546
Classified	\$ 438	\$ 551

Criticized loans have potential weaknesses that deserve close attention and could, if uncorrected, result in deterioration of the prospects for repayment or the Bank s credit position at a future date. Classified loans are inadequately protected by the sound worth and paying capacity of the borrower or any collateral and there is a distinct possibility or probability that a loss could occur if the deficiencies are not corrected.

ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

Activity in the allowance for loan losses is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 2005			
Balance, beginning of period	\$	679	\$	488
Provision for loan losses		123		159
Net loans (charged-off) recovered		(11)		(19)
Balance, end of period	\$	791	\$	628
Loans outstanding, end of period	\$6	2,245	\$ 5	1,056
Allowance for loan losses to loans outstanding DEPOSITS		1.27%		1.23%

Balances within the major deposit categories as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 are as follows (in thousands):

	SEPTI	EMBER 30, 2006	DEC	EMBER 31, 2005
Noninterest-bearing demand				
deposits	\$	6,268	\$	6,519

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	\$ 68,162	\$ 58,135
Other time deposits	28,956	29,927
0414:44	20.056	20.027
over	15,862	13,348
Time deposits \$100,000 and		
Savings deposits	919	878
deposits	16,157	7,463
Interest-bearing demand		

At September 30, 2006, total deposits had increased by \$10,027,000, or 17.2%, from December 31, 2005. The largest increase was in interest-bearing demand deposits, which increased \$8,694,000 from December 31, 2005 to September 30, 2006. This increase is primarily due to increases in balances maintained in the Bank s business checking accounts.

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LIQUIDITY

The Bank meets its liquidity needs through scheduled maturities of loans and investments and through pricing policies designed to attract interest-bearing deposits. The level of liquidity is measured by the loan-to-total borrowed funds (which includes deposits) ratio, which was 90.0% and 90.8% at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively.

At September 30, 2006, the Company s primary sources of liquidity included cash, Federal funds sold and securities available-for-sale. The Bank also has lines of credit available with correspondent banks to purchase federal funds for periods from one to 30 days. At September 30, 2006, unused lines of credit totaled \$5,440,000.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISK

Through its operations, the Bank has made contractual commitments to extend credit in the ordinary course of its business activities. These commitments are legally binding agreements to lend money to the Bank s customers at predetermined interest rates for a specified period of time. At September 30, 2006, the Bank had issued commitments to extend credit of \$12,332,000 and standby letters of credit totaling \$75,000.

Based on historical experience, many of the commitments and letters of credit will expire unfunded. Accordingly, the above amounts do not necessarily reflect the Bank s need for funds in the future.

The Bank evaluates each customer s creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Bank upon extension of credit, is based on its credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant and equipment, commercial and residential real estate.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company has adopted various accounting policies which govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States in the preparation of its financial statements. The significant accounting policies are described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2005 as filed in the Annual Report on Form 10-KSB. Certain accounting policies involve significant judgments and assumptions which have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities. Management considers these accounting policies to be critical accounting policies. The judgments and assumptions used are based on historical experience and other factors, which management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Because of the nature of the judgments and assumptions, actual results could differ from these judgments and estimates which could have a major impact on the carrying values of assets and liabilities and results of operations.

Management believes the allowance for loan losses is a critical accounting policy that requires the most significant judgments and estimates used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Refer to the portions of our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-KSB and this Form 10-QSB that address the allowance for loan losses for a description of our processes and methodology for determining the allowance for loan losses.

CAPITAL RESOURCES

Total shareholders equity increased from \$5,803,000 at December 31, 2005 to \$7,105,000 at September 30, 2006. The increase is primarily due to net income of \$394,000 and the exercise of director warrants totaling \$876,000.

The Federal Reserve Board and bank regulatory agencies require bank holding companies and financial institutions to maintain capital at adequate levels. Because the Company has total assets of less than \$150 million, its capital adequacy is judged only on the adequacy of the Bank s capital. Quantitative measures

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established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Bank to maintain minimum ratios of Tier 1 and total capital as a percentage of assets and off-balance sheet exposures, adjusted for risk-weights ranging from 0% to 100%. Under the risk-based standard, capital is classified into two tiers. For the Bank, Tier 1 capital consists of common shareholders equity, excluding the unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, minus certain intangible assets. For the Bank, Tier 2 capital consists of the reserve for loan losses subject to certain limitations. An institution s qualifying capital base for purposes of its risk-based capital ratio consists of the sum of its Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital. The regulatory minimum requirements are 4% for Tier 1 and 8% for total risk-based capital.

Banks and bank holding companies are also required to maintain capital at a minimum level based on total assets, which is known as the leverage ratio. The minimum requirement for the leverage ratio is 3%; however all but the highest rated institutions are required to maintain ratios 100 to 200 basis points above the minimum. The Bank exceeded its minimum regulatory capital ratios as of September 30, 2006, as well as the ratios to be considered well capitalized.

The following table summarizes the Bank s risk-based capital at September 30, 2006:

\$ 6,974,000
16,000
(7,000)
6,983,000
791,000
\$ 7,774,000
\$ 64,490,000
10.83%
12.05%
9.56%

(1)Limited to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets

ITEM 3. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (Disclosure Controls). Disclosure Controls, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are procedures that are designed with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act, such as this Quarterly Report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms. Disclosure Controls are also designed with the objective of ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely

decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, does not expect that our Disclosure Controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. The design of

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any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Based upon their controls evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our Disclosure Controls are effective at a reasonable assurance level.

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the past fiscal year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As previously reported in the Company s quarterly report on Form 10-QSB for the quarter ended June 30, 2006, the Company terminated the employment of former President and Chief Executive Officer William B. Gossett on November 15, 2005. On February 1, 2006, Mr. Gossett, a principal security holder of the Company, filed a claim with the U. S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) against the Company and the Bank under 18 U.S.C. 1514A alleging that the Company and the Bank did not have cause to terminate his employment.

As previously reported in the Company s Form 8-K filed on August 15, 2006, the Company and the Bank have entered into a definitive agreement with Ameris Bancorp. Solely to facilitate the merger negotiations with Ameris, the Company and the Bank entered into a settlement agreement and release with Mr. Gossett. The settlement is conditioned upon the consummation of the merger and provides for the payment of \$295,000 to Mr. Gossett plus approximately \$19,000 in attorney s fees, and contains mutual releases.

There are no other material pending legal proceedings to which the Company is a party or of which any of its properties are subject, nor are there material proceedings known to the Company to be contemplated by any governmental authority. Additionally, the Company is unaware of any material proceedings, pending or contemplated, in which any existing or proposed director, officer or affiliate, or any principal security holder of the Company or any associate of any of the foregoing, is a party or has an interest adverse to the Company.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 32 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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ISLANDS BANCORP

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ JOHN R. PERRILL John R. Perrill

Acting Chief Executive Officer and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 9, 2006

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Moultrie, State of Georgia, on this 9th day of November, 2006.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Edwin W. Hortman, J_R . Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned officers and directors of Ameris Bancorp hereby constitutes and appoints each of Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. and Dennis J. Zember Jr., his attorney-in-fact and agent, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments or post-effective amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, in connection with the registration of the shares of the registrant s common stock under the Securities Act of 1933, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary in connection with such matters as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

	Name	Title	Date
/s/	EDWIN W. HORTMAN, JR.	President and Chief	November 9,
	Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.	Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	2006
/s/	DENNIS J. ZEMBER JR.	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	November 9, 2006
	Dennis J. Zember Jr.	(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	
	*	Director	November 9, 2006
	Johnny W. Floyd		
	*	Director	November 9, 2006

J. Raymond Fulp

*	Director	November 9, 2006
Kenneth J. Hunnicutt		
*	Director	November 9, 2006
Daniel B. Jeter		
*	Director	November 9, 2006
Glenn A. Kirbo		
*	Director	November 9, 2006
Robert P. Lynch		

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Name	Title	Date	
*	Director	November 9, 2006	
Brooks Sheldon			
*	Director	November 9, 2006	
Eugene M. Vereen, Jr.			
*	Director	November 9, 2006	
Henry C. Wortman			

* By: /s/ Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. As Attorney-In-Fact

EXHIBIT

NO. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among the Registrant, American Banking Company, Islands Bancorp and Islands Community Bank, N.A. (included as Appendix A to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus set forth in Part I of the Registration Statement).
- 2.2 Form of Bank Merger Agreement by and between American Banking Company and Islands Community Bank, N.A. (included as Exhibit 1.2 to Appendix A to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus set forth in Part I of the Registration Statement).
- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant s Regulation A Offering Statement on Form 1-A (File No. 24A-2630) filed August 14, 1987).
- 3.2 Amendment to Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant dated May 26, 1995 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.1 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March 28, 1996).
- 3.3 Amendment to Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-08301) filed with the Commission on July 17, 1996).
- 3.4 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.5 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 25, 1998).
- 3.5 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.7 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 26, 1999).
- 3.6 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant dated May 17, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.9 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 31, 2003).
- 3.7 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant dated December 1, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 1, 2005).
- 3.8 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 14, 2005).
- 4.1 Placement Agreement between the Registrant, Ameris Statutory Trust I, FTN Financial Capital Markets and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. dated September 13, 2006.**
- 4.2 Subscription Agreement between the Registrant, Ameris Statutory Trust I and First Tennessee Bank National Association dated September 20, 2006.*
- 4.3 Subscription Agreement between the Registrant, Ameris Statutory Trust I and TWE, Ltd. dated September 20, 2006.*

- 4.4 Indenture between the Registrant and Wilmington Trust Company dated September 20, 2006.*
- 4.5 Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust between the Registrant, the Administrators of Ameris Statutory Trust I signatory thereto and Wilmington Trust Company dated September 20, 2006.*
- 4.6 Guarantee Agreement between the Registrant and Wilmington Trust Company dated September 20, 2006.*
- 4.7 Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debenture dated September 20, 2006 issued to Ameris Statutory Trust I.*
- 5.1 Opinion of Rogers & Hardin LLP regarding legality of securities being registered (including its consent).

EXHIBIT

NO. DESCRIPTION

- 8.1 Opinion of Rogers & Hardin LLP regarding certain tax matters (including its consent).*
- 8.2 Opinion of Powell Goldstein LLP regarding certain tax matters (including its consent).*
- Deferred Compensation Agreement for Kenneth J. Hunnicutt dated December 16, 1986 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit
 5.3 to the Registrant s Regulation A Offering Statement on Form 1-A filed with the Commission on August 14, 1987).
- 10.2 Executive Salary Continuation Agreement dated February 14, 1984 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB filed with the Commission on March 27, 1989).
- 10.3 1992 Incentive Stock Option Plan and Option Agreement for Kenneth J. Hunnicutt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB filed with the Commission on March 30, 1993).
- 10.4 ABC Bancorp Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 25, 1998).
- 10.5 Form of Rights Agreement between the Registrant and SunTrust Bank dated as of February 17, 1998 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 25, 1998).
- 10.6 ABC Bancorp 2000 Officer/Director Stock Bonus Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on Mach 29, 2000).
- 10.7 Commission Agreement by and between the Registrant and Jerry L. Keen dated as of September 12, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on November 14, 2002).
- 10.8 Asset Purchase Agreement by and between Southland Bank and MBNA America Bank, N.A. dated as of December 19, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 31, 2003).
- 10.9 Interim Servicing Agreement by and between Southland Bank and MBNA America Bank, N.A. dated as of December 19, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 31, 2003).
- Joint Marketing Agreement by and between the Registrant and MBNA America Bank, N.A. dated as of December 19, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 31, 2003).
- 10.11 Executive Employment Agreement with Jon S. Edwards dated as of July 1, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to

- the Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on November 12, 2003).
- 10.12 Executive Employment Agreement with Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. dated as of December 31, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 15, 2004).
- 10.13 Executive Employment Agreement with Cindi H. Lewis dated as of December 31, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 15, 2004).
- 10.14 Executive Employment Agreement with Thomas T. Dampier dated as of May 18, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 9, 2004).
- 10.15 Executive Consulting Agreement with Kenneth J. Hunnicutt dated as of January 1, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 16, 2005).

EXHIBIT

NO. 10.16	DESCRIPTION Amendment No. 1 to Executive Employment Agreement with Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. dated as of March 10, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 14, 2005).
10.17	ABC Bancorp 2005 Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant s Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on April 18, 2005).
10.18	Executive Employment Agreement with Dennis J. Zember, Jr. dated as of May 5, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the Commission on May 11, 2005).
10.19	Executive Employment Agreement with Johnny R. Myers dated May 11, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 16, 2005).
10.20	Revolving Credit Agreement with SunTrust Bank dated as of December 14, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 20, 2005).
10.21	Security Agreement with SunTrust Bank dated as of December 14, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 20, 2005).
10.22	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-131244) filed with the Commission on January 24, 2006).
10.23	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-131244) filed with the Commission on January 24, 2006).
10.24	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-131244) filed with the Commission on January 24, 2006).
10.25	Form of Affiliate Agreement to be executed by the affiliates of Islands Bancorp (included as Exhibit 7.10 to Appendix A to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus set forth in Part I of the Registration Statement).
10.26	Form of Shareholder Voting Agreement by and among the Registrant and the shareholders of Islands Bancorp signatory thereto (included as Exhibit 7.14 to Appendix A to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus set forth in Part I of the Registration Statement).
10.27	Form of Non-Competition and Non-Disclosure Agreement between the Registrant and the directors of Islands Bancorp (included as Exhibit 8.2(f) to Appendix A to the Proxy

Statement/Prospectus set forth in Part I of the Registration Statement).

- 10.28 Executive Employment Agreement with C. Johnson Hipp, III dated September 5, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 8, 2006).
- 13.1 Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 (incorporated by reference).
- 13.2 Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 (incorporated by reference).
- 13.3 Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 (incorporated by reference).
- 13.4 Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 (incorporated by reference).

EXHIBIT

NO. 21.1	DESCRIPTION Schedule of subsidiaries of the Registrant.
23.1	Consents of Rogers & Hardin LLP are contained in its opinions filed as Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1 hereto.
23.2	Consent of Powell Goldstein LLP is contained in its opinion filed as Exhibit 8.2 hereof.
23.3	Consent of Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants, LLC.
23.4	Consent of Francis and Company, CPAs.
23.5	Consent of Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett, Inc.
24.1	A Power of Attorney relating to this Registration Statement is set forth on the signature pages to this Registration Statement.
99.1	Opinion of Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett, Inc. dated August 15, 2006 (included as Appendix C to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus set forth in Part I of the Registration Statement).
99.2	Form of Proxy Card for the Special Meeting of Shareholders of Islands Bancorp.

^{*} Previously filed.