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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Friis Mark E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC

(Check all applicable)

[SASR]

11/20/2009

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting

OLNEY, MD 20832

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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative s	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit r(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/20/2009		P	1,000	A	\$ 9.45	1,000	I	Cust for son
Common Stock	11/20/2009		P	1,000	A	\$ 9.45	1,000	I	Wife Cust for Daughter
Common Stock							2,238	D	
Common Stock							17,300	I	By Trust
							161	I (1)	

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Common Stock			Restricted Stock					
Common Stock	224	I (2)	Restricted Stock					
Common Stock	1,665	(3)	Restricted Stock					
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.								
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. biNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005(4)	12/14/2012	Common Stock	788	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007(5)	12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,251	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009(5)	03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,260	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relauonsnips					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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

Signatures

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

11/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan and vests in five equal, annual installments beginning December 13, 2007.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning March 26, 2009.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 25, 2010.
- (4) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (5) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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