

HARDESTY GILBERT L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HARDESTY GILBERT L**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE**

(Street)

**OLNEY, MD 20832**

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/17/2010**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/17/2010		A		10,000	A	\$ 13.5
Common Stock							18,388.871
Common Stock							107
Common Stock							224
Common Stock							1,665

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)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/13/2010	Common Stock	2,216
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/21/2011	Common Stock	1,019
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/11/2012	Common Stock	1,460
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	1,701
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/15/2014	Common Stock	1,559
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/14/2012	Common Stock	2,061
Stock	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/13/2013	Common	1,251

