

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP
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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 *
HARRIS ROBERT L II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE,
 7TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/12/2008

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | P | 500 | A | \$ 2.33 | 189,835 D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | P | 1,900 | A | \$ 2.3426 | 191,735 D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | P | 1,200 | A | \$ 2.3725 | 192,935 D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | P | 6,470 | A | \$ 2.3994 | 199,405 D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | | P | 1,212 | A | \$ 2.5268 | 200,617 D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 5,000 | A | \$ 2.53 | 205,617 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 3,200 | A | \$ 2.5306 | 208,817 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 375 | A | \$ 2.5373 | 209,192 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 5,018 | A | \$ 2.6138 | 214,210 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 125 | A | \$ 2.62 | 214,335 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 909 | A | \$ 2.6656 | 215,244 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 500 | A | \$ 2.676 | 215,744 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 3,000 | A | \$ 2.6793 | 218,744 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 3,576 | A | \$ 2.68 | 222,320 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2008 | P | 1,215 | A | \$ 2.6979 | 223,535 | D |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARRIS ROBERT L II 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | X | | President | |

Signatures

Robert L.
Harris, II

12/16/2008

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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