

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  
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
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 Following Reported Transaction (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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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