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**ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ENTERS INTO SETTLEMENT AND PATENT LICENSE  
AGREEMENT WITH SMARTWARE GROUP, INC.**

Newport Beach, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) December 24, 2013 – Acacia Research Corporation (NASDAQ: ACTG) announced today that its Automated Facilities Management Corporation subsidiary has entered into a settlement and patent license agreement with Smartware Group, Inc. The agreement resolves litigation that was pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

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