

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Matthew Vella 520 Newport Center Dr. 12th Floor Newport Beach CA 92660		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Acacia Research Corporation [ACTG]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President & CEO	
3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2015		4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	02/10/2015		A		60,000	A	255,321	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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Form 4 (cont.)
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 Matthew Vella
 520 Newport Center Dr.
 12th Floor
 Newport Beach CA 92660

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Acacia Research Corporation [ACTG]
 Period Of Report
 02/10/2015

**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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)		6. Date Expirable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)				Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
				V	(A)	(D)									

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) - Grant of Restricted Stock

By: Matthew Vella
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 2/11/2015
 Date

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

Jennifer Graff

From: Matthew Vella
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:24 PM
To: Jennifer Graff
Cc: Deborah Stephen
Subject: Re: Form 4 for Feb 10 grant

Approved.

On Feb 11, 2015, at 15:59, Jennifer Graff <jgraff@acaciaresearch.com> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Attached is a form 4 for your Feb 2015 grant that needs to be filed tomorrow. Please let me know if you approve.

Thanks!
Jennifer

Jennifer Graff
paralegal / executive assistant
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