

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III (Last) (First) (Middle) 520 NEWPORT CENTER DR. 12TH FLOOR (Street) NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/25/2017 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/25/2017 | | P | | 2,500 | A | \$3.295 ⁽¹⁾ | 506,295 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 20,000 | I | George and Reva Graziadio Foundation ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 305,500 | I | Graziadio Family Trust dtd 11/13/75 ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 15,000 | I | The George & Reva Graziadio Charitable Lead Annuity Trust ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 15,000 | I | Marianna R. Graziadio (minor children) ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 15,000 | I | George L. Graziadio IV (minor children) ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 20,000 | I | The Gina-Carra Partnership ⁽⁷⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,500 | I | Owned by Spouse |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Number of Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code V | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.275 to \$3.30, inclusive. Mr. Graziadio undertakes to provide to Acacia Research Corporation ("Issuer"), any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- These shares are owned by the George and Reva Graziadio Foundation ("Foundation"), a charitable foundation established by Mr. Graziadio's parents, as to which Mr. Graziadio has no pecuniary interest. Mr. Graziadio is one of three directors of the Foundation and does not have the right to control or disposition of these shares. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Foundation.
- These shares are owned by the Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 ("GFT"), an irrevocable trust established by Mr. Graziadio for the benefit of his children. Mr. Graziadio is neither a trustee nor a beneficiary of GFT and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by GFT.
- These shares are owned by the George & Reva Graziadio Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (the "Annuity Trust"), as to which Mr. Graziadio is trustee and Mr. Graziadio's minor children are contingent beneficiaries. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Annuity Trust.
- These shares are owned by Mr. Graziadio's minor child, Marianna R. Graziadio.
- These shares are owned by Mr. Graziadio's minor child, George L. Graziadio, IV.
- These shares are owned by Gina-Carra Partnership ("Gina-Carra"), a limited partnership of which Mr. Graziadio is the trustee of each of the general partners, which are trusts for the benefit of Mr. Graziadio's children. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Gina-Carra.

Remarks:

G. Louis Graziadio, III 08/28/2017
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
 ** 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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