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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
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| DEBOOM FRED A<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>520 NEWPORT CENTER DR.<br>12TH FLOOR<br>(Street)<br>NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ ACTG ]<br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/01/2016<br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | X Director<br>10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below)<br>Other (specify below)<br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

### 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 Securities 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) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | $5.75 | 08/01/2016 | | A | | 50,000 | | (1) | 08/01/2023 | Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock | 50,000 | $0 | 50,000 | D | |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option shares are execisable in six equal installments over a three-year term beginning from August 1, 2016.

**Remarks:**

Fred A. de Boom 08/03/2016

** 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).

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