

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RYAN PAUL R**

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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/29/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer**

(Street)  
**NEWPORT BEACH, CA**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 1,500 A   | \$ 2.05   | 520,739 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 3,300 A   | \$ 2.057  | 524,039 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 500 A   | \$ 2.06   | 524,539 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 100 A   | \$ 2.078  | 524,639 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 400 A   | \$ 2.11   | 525,039 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D                                 |

Common Stock 10/29/2008 P 700 A \$ 2.12 525,739 <sup>(1)</sup> 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 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 |
| RYAN PAUL R<br>500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR<br>NEWPORT BEACH, CA | X             |           | Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer |       |

## Signatures

Paul R. Ryan 10/29/2008

\*\*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).

Includes 9,000 shares held by daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his daughter, and this (1) report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his daughter's shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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