

RYAN PAUL R  
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  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 3,800   | D  | \$ 32.74<br>(2)                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 7,645   | D  | \$ 34<br>(3)  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 20,301  | D  | \$ 35.06<br>(4)                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 7,500   | D  | \$ 35.59  |

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|--------------|------------|--|------------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|---|
|              |            |  |                  |        | (5) |       |         |   |
|              |            |  |                  |        | \$  |       |         |   |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2011 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 12,054 | D   | 35.75 | 614,425 | D |
|              |            |  |                  |        |     | (6)   |         |   |

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 (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| RYAN PAUL R<br>500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE<br>7TH FLOOR<br>NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | X             |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Paul R. Ryan                      03/07/2011

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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).
- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5(10 Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on 12/1/10.

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- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$32.385 and \$33.36 per share..
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$33.46 and \$34.46 per share.
- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$34.50 and \$35.50 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$35.53 and \$35.635 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$35.64 and \$36.30 per share.

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