

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)  
07/14/2010

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2010                           |  | M                              | 30,000  | A \$ 3.9171   | 683,170  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 11,820  | D \$ 16.02 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 671,350  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,900   | D \$ 16.08 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 669,450  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,200   | D \$ 16.13 <sup>(4)</sup>   | 665,250  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,900   | D \$ 16.19 <sup>(5)</sup>   | 660,350  | D   |

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|              |            |                  |       |   |                 |         |   |
|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|-----------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/14/2010 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 600   | D | \$ 16.24<br>(6) | 659,750 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2010 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,700 | D | \$ 16.28<br>(7) | 658,050 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2010 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,800 | D | \$ 16.34<br>(8) | 655,250 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2010 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,080 | D | \$ 16.38<br>(9) | 653,170 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 3.9171  | 07/14/2010                           |  | M                              | 30,000  | 03/29/2004 03/29/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 30,000                     |

## 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 07/15/2010

\*\*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).

- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5(1) Plan adopted by the Reporting Person on February 26, 2010.
- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.00 and \$16.05 per share.
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.07 and \$16.10 per share.
- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.11 and \$16.15 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.16 and \$16.195 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.22 and \$16.25 per share.
- (7) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.26 and \$16.30 per share.
- (8) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.31 and \$16.35 per share.
- (9) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$16.36 and \$16.40 per share.

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