

ZAGER JAY
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 *
ZAGER JAY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC
[ACLS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/17/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
CFO and EVP

BEVERLY, MA 01915

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2012 | | F | | 3,968 | D | \$ 1.59 |
| | | | | | | | (1) |
| | | | | | | | (2) |
| | | | | | 56,032 | (3) | 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)

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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) | 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ZAGER JAY 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE BEVERLY, MA 01915 | | | CFO and EVP | |

Signatures

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney in fact for Jay Zager 01/17/2012

__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) Shares withheld by the Company equal to tax liability of the executive officer incident to the vesting of restricted stock units issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
 - (2) Represents the closing price of the common stock on September 17, 2012.
Of the shares held as of January 17, 2012, 37,500 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted the executive under the 2000
 - (3) Stock Plan and are subject to forfeiture. A portion of these shares will be withheld by the Company on vesting to satisfy tax withholding requirements.

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