RYAN PAUL R Form 4 January 12, 2011

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

RYAN PAUL R

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

[ACTG]

01/10/2011

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Chairman & CEO

Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Paneficially On

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(State)

(,)	(=)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativo	e Secu	rities Acqui	rea, Disposea of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/10/2011		S(1)	3,106	D	\$ 26.0057	572,414	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	5,781	D	\$ 25.4309	566,633	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	5,316	D	\$ 26.207	561,317	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	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of			Under	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Chairman & CEO

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	remaionsmps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

X

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7TH FLOOR

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

## **Signatures**

Paul R. Ryan 01/12/2011

\*\*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(10 Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on February 26, 2010.

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