

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 \*  
**HARRIS ROBERT L II**

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)  
**04/23/2010**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President**

(Street)  
**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			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	04/23/2010		M		30,000	A	\$ 3.9172 550,088	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,100	D	\$ 13.916 546,988	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,900	D	\$ 14.016 540,088	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,150	D	\$ 14.13 532,938	D

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Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,150	D	\$ <u>(5)</u>	14.179	528,788	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,100	D	\$ <u>(6)</u>	14.232	526,688	D
Common Stock	03/30/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,080	D	\$ <u>(7)</u>	14.382	522,608	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,520	D	\$ <u>(8)</u>	14.424	520,088	D
Common Stock	04/26/2010	M	22,652	A	\$	3.9172	542,740	D
Common Stock	04/26/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,754	D	\$ <u>(9)</u>	14.193	531,986	D
Common Stock	04/26/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	6,898	D	\$ <u>(10)</u>	14.434	525,088	D
Common Stock	04/26/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000	D	\$	14.505	520,088	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9172	04/23/2010		M	30,000	03/29/2004	03/29/2011	Common Stock	30,000

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9172	04/27/2010	M	22,652	03/29/2004	03/29/2011	Common Stock	22,652
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARRIS ROBERT L II 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X		President	

## Signatures

Robert L.  
Harris, II

04/27/2010

\*\*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 \$13.90 and \$13.94 per share.
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.00 and \$14.04 per share
- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.09 and \$14.15 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.16 and \$14.20 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.21 and \$14.25 per share.
- (7) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.30 and \$14.40 per share.
- (8) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.41 and \$14.44 per share
- (9) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.19 and \$14.24 per share
- (10) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$14.40 and \$14.48per share

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