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| | Symbol ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG] | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (| Middle) | 3. Date of | of Earliest T | Transaction | | _X_ Direct | | | % Owner | |
| | PORT CENTER 2TH FLOOR | | (Month/ 03/15/2 | Day/Year) 2017 | | | below) | r (give t | itleOth below) | ner (specify | |
| , | (Street) | | 4. If Am | endment, D | ate Origina | ป | 6. Individua | l or Joi | nt/Group Fili | ng(Check | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Securities | s Acquired, Dispo | sed of, | or Beneficia | lly Owned | l |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun Number Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 5.4 | 03/15/2017 | | A | 96,153 | <u>(1)</u> | 03/15/2024 | Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock | 96,15 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.75 | 03/15/2017 | | A | 113,032 | <u>(1)</u> | 03/15/2024 | Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock | 113,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| HAYNES CLAYTON 520 NEWPORT CEN 12TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, | TER DRIVE | Х | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| Clayton J. Haynes | 03/17/2 | 017 | | | | | | |
| <u>**</u> 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 option shares are exercisable in six equal installments over a three year term.

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