

HAYNES CLAYTON J  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
HAYNES CLAYTON J

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/23/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO, Treas. Sr. V.P. Finance

500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/23/2010		M			10,000	A	\$ 1.85	137,583	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			2,500	D	\$ 13.88	135,083	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			1,200	D	\$ 13.9	133,883	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			100	D	\$ 13.91	133,783	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			700	D	\$ 13.92	133,083	D	

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Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	800	D	\$ 13.95	132,283	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 13.96	132,083	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 13.97	131,883	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 13.975	131,783	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 13.99	131,583	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,100	D	\$ 14	130,483	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 14.0005	130,383	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 14.01	130,183	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	D	\$ 14.02	128,183	D
Common Stock	04/23/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	600	D	\$ 14.03	127,583	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)	\$ 1.85	04/23/2010		M	10,000	01/02/2006	12/16/2012	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAYNES CLAYTON J 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660			CFO, Treas. Sr. V.P. Finance	

## Signatures

Clayton J.  
Haynes  
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) Trading Plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 20, 2009.

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