

HAYNES CLAYTON J
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)
05/03/2010

___ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | | M | | 4,600 A \$ 3.9565 | 132,183 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 D \$ 14.5 | 131,983 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 D \$ 14.52 | 131,883 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 D \$ 14.5205 | 131,683 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 D \$ 14.53 | 131,583 | D |

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|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.5305 | 131,483 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.54 | 131,383 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.5405 | 131,283 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.57 | 130,283 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.65 | 130,183 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.66 | 130,083 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 1,200 | D | \$ 14.7 | 128,883 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 400 | D | \$ 14.71 | 128,483 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 200 | D | \$ 14.81 | 128,283 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.815 | 128,183 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 200 | D | \$ 14.835 | 127,983 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.84 | 127,883 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.8605 | 127,783 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.88 | 127,683 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2010 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 14.89 | 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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D S (I |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------|
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| Derivative Security | | | (A) or Disposed of (D) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.9565 | 05/03/2010 | M | 4,600 | 04/01/2004 | 04/02/2011 | Common Stock | 4,600 |

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
05/04/2010

**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 March 3, 2010.

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