Lawson Douglas A. Form 4 March 14, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *Lawson Douglas A.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ACLS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2018	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Corporate Mktg & Strategy		
(Street) BEVERLY, MA 01915	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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 Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/14/2018		M	1,953	A	\$ 12.04	39,802 (1)	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2018		S	3,478	D	\$ 26.52 (2)	36,324 (1)	D	
Common Stock							3,125	I	Held by Spouse

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			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)	\$ 12.04	03/14/2018		M		1,953	01/15/2018	07/15/2022	Common Stock	1,953

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lawson Douglas A. C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE BEVERLY, MA 01915

EVP, Corporate Mktg & Strategy

Signatures

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney in fact for Douglas A. Lawson

03/14/2018

**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).
- Of the shares held as of March 14, 2018, 23,069 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$26.47 to \$26.55, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Axcelis Technologies, Inc., any security holder of Axcelis Technologies, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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31,250 options were granted on July 15, 2015 and were vested as to 62.5% of the options as of January 15, 2018. Of the remaining 11,719 options held by the executive after the sales reported on this form, 1953/4 options will vest on the 15th of each of October, January, April and July until fully vested on July 15, 2019, if the officer remains in the service of the Company on such vesting dates.

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