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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Treska Edward Joseph

(Zip)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG]

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

3.

01/31/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. V.P., G.C., Secretary

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(State)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

or

Price

<u>(1)</u>

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

56,667

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4)

Code V (D) Amount Common 01/31/2012 A 22,500 Α

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)

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | ber Expiration Date | | Amount of | | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | Securities | | (Instr. 5) | Bene | |
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| | Security | | | | | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | or | | |
| | | | | | | | | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Treska Edward Joseph 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

Sr. V.P., G.C., Secretary

Signatures

Edward J. 02/02/2012 Treska

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Grant of restricted stock.

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