

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/28/2010

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

(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	10/28/2010		M			43,455	A	\$ 1.85	142,703	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2010		S			18,422	D	\$ 26.07 (1)	124,281	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2010		S			13,670	D	\$ 26.22 (2)	110,611	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2010		S			1,000	D	\$ 26.36 (3)	109,611	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2010		S			7,500	D	\$ 27.07 (4)	102,111	D	

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Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	1,443	D	\$ 27.22 (5)	100,668	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	1,420	D	\$ 27.46 (6)	99,248	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	M	2,375	A	\$ 1.85	101,623	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	S	2,375	D	\$ 26.0515	99,248	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	10/28/2010		M	32,500	01/02/2006 12/16/2012	Common Stock	32,500	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.85	10/28/2010		M	10,955	03/27/2004 05/20/2013	Common Stock	10,955	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.85	10/29/2010		M	2,375	03/27/2004 05/20/2013	Common Stock	2,375	

## 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

11/01/2010

\*\*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 price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.00 and \$26.1575 per share.
- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.16 and \$26.305 per share.
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.32 and \$26.38 per share.
- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.00 and \$27.15 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.17 and \$27.32 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.33 and \$27.73 per share.

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