

Treska Edward Joseph  
Form 4  
October 05, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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

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)  
500 NEWPORT CENTER  
DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/01/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Vice President, Secretary

(Street)  
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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 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 | (A) or (D) | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2010                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 42,500 | A          | \$ 6.66                                                                                       | 145,832                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2010                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 20,000 | D          | \$ 18                                                                                         | 125,832                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2010                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 22,500 | D          | \$ 19                                                                                         | 103,332                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 10/04/2010                           |                                                    | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |                                                                   | 10,000 | D          | \$ 20.3973                                                                                    | 93,332                                                   | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 6.66                                                            | 10/01/2010                              |                                                             | M                                    | 42,500                                                                                                       | 04/12/2007 04/19/2014                                          | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 42,500                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                           | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                          | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Treska Edward Joseph<br>500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE<br>7TH FLOOR<br>NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | Vice President, Secretary        |

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Treska 10/05/2010

\*\*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(10 Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 26, 2009.

(2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5(10 Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on May 10, 2010.

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