

2013 Acacia Research Corporation Stock Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Paul R. Ryan

Chief Executive Officer

500 Newport Center Drive

Newport Beach, California 92660

(Name and address of agent for service)

(949) 480-8300

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

Mark L. Skaist, Esq.

Michael L. Lawhead, Esq.

Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth

660 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1600

Newport Beach, CA 92660

(949) 725-4000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (this “Amendment”) to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-189135) (the “Initial S-8”) is being filed by Acacia Research Corporation (the “Company”) to reflect the correct version of Exhibit 23.1. An incorrect version of Exhibit 23.1 was inadvertently filed without a conforming signature with the Initial S-8 that was filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on June 6, 2013. Grant Thornton LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Company, had manually signed the consent included as Exhibit 23.1 and delivered such consent to the Company prior to the time that the Company filed the Initial S-8. This Amendment does not update, amend or modify any other information, statement or disclosure contained in the Initial S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 5, 2008 (File No. 000-26068)). |
| 4.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on February 28, 2013 (File No. 000-26068)). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation (incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013 (File No. 333-189135)). |
| 23.1** | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. |
| 23.2 | Consent of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation (contained in Exhibit 5.1) (incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013 (File No. 333-189135)). |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013 (File No. 333-189135)). |
| 99.1 | 2013 Acacia Research Corporation Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Annex A of the Registrant’s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Commission on April 24, 2013). |

**

Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Newport Beach, State of California, on the 11th day of June, 2013.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan
 Paul R. Ryan
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| <u>Signature</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---|---|--------------------|
| <u>/s/ Paul R. Ryan</u> Paul R. Ryan | Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | June 11, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Clayton J. Haynes</u> Clayton J. Haynes | Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President of Finance and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | June 11, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Robert L. Harris, II</u> Robert L. Harris, II | Executive Chairman and Director | June 11, 2013 |
| * _____ William S. Anderson | Director | June 11, 2013 |
| * _____ Fred A. de Boom | Director | June 11, 2013 |
| * _____ Edward W. Frykman | Director | June 11, 2013 |
| * _____ G. Louis Graziadio, III | Director | June 11, 2013 |

* By: /s/ Clayton J. Haynes

Clayton J. Haynes, Attorney-in-fact

3

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 5, 2008 (File No. 000-26068)). |
| 4.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on February 28, 2013 (File No. 000-26068)). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013 (File No. 333-189135)). |
| 23.1** | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. |
| 23.2 | Consent of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation (contained in Exhibit 5.1) (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013 (File No. 333-189135)). |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013 (File No. 333-189135)). |
| 99.1 | 2013 Acacia Research Corporation Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Annex A of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Commission on April 24, 2013). |

** Filed herewith