#### ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 4

November 16, 2006

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* RYAN PAUL R

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

[CBMX/ACTG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

**500 NEWPORT CENTER** DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

Reported

7. Nature Ownership of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price Code V Amount

Acacia

Research-Acacia **Technologies** 

Common Stock

11/14/2006

 $S^{(1)}$ 10,000 D

(A)

\$ 15 437,239 (2)

 $D^{(2)}$ 

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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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

10% Owner Officer Other Director

RYAN PAUL R 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR

X Chairman & CEO

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

## **Signatures**

Paul R. Ryan 11/16/2006 \*\*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).
- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person on August 25,
- Includes 9,000 shares held by daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his daughter, and this (2) report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his daughter's shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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