#### ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 4

September 02, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG]

(Check all applicable)

Chairman & Chief Exec. Officer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 08/29/2008

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

500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE,

(Street)

7TH FLOOR

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

Issuer

NEWPORT BEACH, CA

(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly 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 tion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/29/2008		P	191	A	\$ 3.95	516,430 (1)	D	
Common Stock	08/29/2008		P	700	A	\$ 3.96	517,130 (1)	D	
Common Stock	08/29/2008		P	900	A	\$4	518,030 (1)	D	
Common Stock	08/29/2008		P	100	A	\$ 4.01	518,130 (1)	D	
Common Stock	08/29/2008		P	1,109	A	\$ 4.04	519,239 (1)	D	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	nte	Amou	nt of	Derivative	]
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	5
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	]
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					Disposed						-
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RYAN PAUL R			Chairman &				
500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR	X		Chief Exec.				
NEWPORT BEACH, CA			Officer				

## **Signatures**

Paul R. Ryan	09/02/2008
**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).

Includes 9,000 shares held by daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his daughter, and this (1) 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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