

Anderson William S.  
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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 \*  
Anderson William S.

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(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 or Price		
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock	12/14/2007		P		1,000 A \$ 9.36	4,217	D
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common	12/14/2007		P		1,500 A \$ 9.37	5,717	D

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Stock

Acacia  
Research -  
Acacia  
Technologies  
Common  
Stock

12/14/2007

P

2,486 A

\$  
9.38

8,203

D

Acacia  
Research -  
Acacia  
Technologies  
Common  
Stock

12/14/2007

P

100 A

\$  
9.39

8,303

D

Acacia  
Research -  
Acacia  
Technologies  
Common  
Stock

12/14/2007

P

1,800 A

\$ 9.4

10,103

D

Acacia  
Research -  
Acacia  
Technologies  
Common  
Stock

12/14/2007

P

200 A

\$  
9.41

10,303

D

Acacia  
Research -  
Acacia  
Technologies  
Common  
Stock

12/14/2007

P

2,914 A

\$  
9.42

13,217

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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
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of (D)  
(Instr. 3,  
4, and 5)

(Instr

Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Anderson William S.  
500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE  
7TH FLOOR  
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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## Signatures

William S.  
Anderson

12/14/2007

\_\_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).

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