

HAYNES CLAYTON J

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 HAYNES CLAYTON J

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)
 02/25/2013

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 ____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Sr.V.P, CFO

(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)
Common Stock	02/25/2013		M	3,136	A \$ 5.17	74,807	D
Common Stock	02/25/2013		S ⁽¹⁾	3,136	D \$ 30.2161	71,671	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.17	02/25/2013		M	3,136	11/24/2006 11/24/2013	Common Stock	3,136

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAYNES CLAYTON J 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660			Sr.V.P, CFO	

Signatures

Clayton J.
Haynes
02/27/2013
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(1) Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 13, 2012.
- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$30.16 and \$30.29 per share.

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