

Treska Edward Joseph  
 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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Treska Edward Joseph

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/11/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President, Secretary

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

(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				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/11/2010		M			17,962	A	\$ 6.66	143,794	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			12,127	D	\$ 15	131,667	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			475	D	\$ 15.01	131,192	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			100	D	\$ 15.013	131,092	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			40	D	\$ 15.02	131,052	D	

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Common Stock	05/11/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 15.025	130,752	D
Common Stock	05/11/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	D	\$ 15.03	129,752	D
Common Stock	05/11/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,320	D	\$ 15.04	126,432	D
Common Stock	05/11/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 15.045	126,132	D
Common Stock	05/11/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 15.05	126,032	D
Common Stock	05/11/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 15.06	125,832	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.66	05/11/2010		M	17,962	04/12/2007 04/19/2014	Common Stock	17,962	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Treska Edward Joseph 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660			Vice President, Secretary	

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Treska

05/13/2010

\_\_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).
- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5(10 Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 26, 2009.

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