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### **ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSES WEB CONFERENCING & COLLABORATION SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY TO WIREDRED SOFTWARE**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) January 4, 2006 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that Software Collaboration Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies group, a leader in technology licensing, has entered into a license with WiredRed Software, Inc., covering a patent that applies to web conferencing and collaboration software.

“The agreement with WiredRed Software is the first license for our web conferencing and collaboration software technology,” commented Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia. “We have now generated revenues from 13 different patented technologies, as we continue to expand our revenue base,” concluded Mr. Ryan.

The Web Conferencing and Collaboration Software technology generally relates to certain network and web conferencing and collaboration software systems. Specifically, two or more users at different computer terminals interact with the same display to simultaneously view, annotate, and edit documents of any type, regardless of which user supplies the document or software application being utilized.

### **ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

Acacia Research Corporation comprises two operating groups, Acacia Technologies group and CombiMatrix group.

The Acacia Technologies group develops, acquires, and licenses patented technologies. Acacia controls 38 patent portfolios, which include over 140 U.S. patents, and certain foreign counterparts, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries including audio/video enhancement & synchronization, broadcast data retrieval, computer memory cache coherency, credit card fraud protection, database management, data encryption & product activation, digital media transmission (DMT®), digital video production, dynamic manufacturing modeling, enhanced Internet navigation, hearing aid ECS, image resolution enhancement, interactive data sharing, interactive television, laptop docking station connectivity, microprocessor enhancement, multi-dimensional bar codes, network data storage, resource scheduling, rotational video imaging, spreadsheet automation, user activated Internet advertising and web conferencing & collaboration software.

The CombiMatrix group is developing a platform technology to rapidly produce customizable arrays, which are semiconductor-based tools for use in identifying and determining the roles of genes, gene mutations and proteins. The CombiMatrix's group's technology has a wide range of potential applications in the areas of genomics, proteomics, biosensors, drug discovery, drug development, diagnostics, combinatorial chemistry, material sciences and nanotechnology.

Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies (Nasdaq: ACTG) and Acacia Research-CombiMatrix (Nasdaq: CBMX) are both classes of common stock issued by Acacia Research Corporation and are intended to reflect the performance of the respective operating groups and are not issued by the operating groups.

Information about the Acacia Technologies group and the CombiMatrix group is available at [www.acaciaresearch.com](http://www.acaciaresearch.com).

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