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ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ACQUIRES OVER 300 PATENTS FOR AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY, NAVIGATION AND DIAGNOSTICS TECHNOLOGIES

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) February 14, 2012 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq:ACTG) announced today that a subsidiary has acquired over 300 patents from Automotive Technologies International (ATI) relating to numerous automotive safety, navigation and diagnostics technologies.

ATI's patent portfolio was ranked in the Top 50 and #1 in Research Intensity according to The Patent Board's Automotive & Transportation Patent Scorecard™ for January of 2012. "We are excited to be working with Acacia to license ATI's patents", said Dr. David Breed, President and Chairman of ATI. "ATI spent years exploring various options for monetizing our innovations before turning to Acacia based on their technical depth and expertise in patent licensing. We believe Acacia is the ideal partner to unlock the value in our IP portfolio, which is the result of years of significant investment in R&D."

"As Acacia's licensing success grows, an increasing number of technology companies are selecting us as their partner for the licensing of their patented technologies," commented Paul Ryan, Acacia CEO and President. "Acacia is rapidly becoming the leader in technology licensing and we continue to grow our base of future revenues by adding new patent portfolios," concluded Mr. Ryan.

ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Acacia Research Corporation's subsidiaries partner with inventors and patent owners, license the patents to corporate users, and share the revenue. Acacia Research Corporation's subsidiaries control over 200 patent portfolios, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries.

Information about Acacia Research Corporation and its subsidiaries is available at www.acaciaresearchgroup.com and www.acaciaresearch.com.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon our current expectations and speak only as of the date hereof. Our ability to become the licensing partner for companies, and our actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors and uncertainties, including the recent economic slowdown affecting technology companies, the ability to successfully develop licensing programs and attract new business, rapid technological change in relevant markets, changes in demand for current and future intellectual property rights, legislative, regulatory and competitive developments addressing licensing and enforcement of patents and/or intellectual property in general, and general economic conditions. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, recent and forthcoming Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, recent Current Reports on Forms 8-K and 8-K/A, and other SEC filings discuss some of the important risk factors that may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.