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ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES ACQUIRES PATENTS FOR REMOTE VIDEO CAMERA TECHNOLOGY

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) February 17, 2006 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that Acacia Patent Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies group, a leader in technology licensing, has acquired patents for remote video camera technology from Simtrol, Inc. (OTCBB: SMRL). The patents relate to remote control of video cameras and other devices used in areas such as videoconferencing and surveillance systems. The uses of the patented technology include improved remote management of video camera functions such as pan, tilt, and focus, and improved device control in a networked videoconferencing system.

“We have decided to partner with Acacia in monetizing our patent portfolio because of their track record in helping small companies with valuable patents,” commented Rick Egan, CEO of Simtrol, Inc. “These patents resulted from our pioneering R&D efforts during the 1990’s. We very much look forward to working with Acacia and their experienced professional staff,” concluded Mr. Egan.

“These patents cover control and management features commonly found in videoconferencing and surveillance systems. We are excited to partner with Simtrol,” commented Paul Ryan, CEO of Acacia.

This marks the 40th patent portfolio Acacia controls and the 7th new patent portfolio Acacia has acquired in the past three months. This rapid growth in our new portfolios demonstrates the unmet need that Acacia is serving for inventors and small companies who are unable to effectively license their valuable patents.

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 40 patent portfolios, which include over 150 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.

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