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## **ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSES DIGITAL VIDEO PRODUCTION PATENTS TO LEITCH TECHNOLOGY**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) March 8, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that TechSearch LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies group, has entered into a non-exclusive license covering a portfolio of patents that apply to digital video production with Leitch Technology Corporation, which designs and distributes high performance video systems for the professional television industry.

The patents relate to features that can be found in production video processing equipment and cover, among other things, improved methods of equipment interconnection, aspects of graphical user interface displays, and automation of video processing. These features allow ease of equipment interconnection, clearer information display, and automation of video production tasks previously performed manually. Other aspects of the technologies generally relate to automatic color correction, commonly used when transferring film to video, and certain 3D effects, commonly used in video scene transitions.

### **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 29 patent portfolios, which include 126 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, image resolution enhancement, interactive data sharing, interactive television, Internet access redirection, interstitial Internet advertising, microprocessor enhancement, multi-dimensional bar codes, network data storage, resource scheduling, rotational video imaging and spreadsheet automation.

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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