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**ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ACQUIRES RIGHTS TO 120 PATENTS COVERING  
WIRELESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) March 10, 2010 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq:ACTG) announced today that a subsidiary has acquired rights to 48 U.S. patents, 72 foreign counterparts, and associated applications from a leading international research institute.

“As our licensing success grows, more research institutes and universities are increasingly selecting us as their partner for the licensing of their patented technologies,” commented Paul Ryan, Acacia Chairman and CEO.

The patents cover various wireless and other communications technologies which can be used in cellular phone systems and optical networking products. The patents also cover inventions relating to database middleware, software development utilities, encryption and other technologies.

**ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

Acacia Research’s subsidiaries partner with inventors and patent owners, license the patents to corporate users, and share the revenue. Acacia Research’s subsidiaries control over 140 patent portfolios, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries.

Information about Acacia Research is available at [www.acaciatechnologies.com](http://www.acaciatechnologies.com) and [www.acaciaresearch.com](http://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, research institutes and universities 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*

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