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## **ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES ACQUIRES LAPTOP CONNECTIVITY PATENT**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) April 21, 2005 – 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 a patent relating to a commonly used technology to connect laptop computers to peripheral devices via docking stations.

“We have already begun to generate revenues from 5 of our patent portfolios and expect the laptop docking station connectivity technology, along with our many other patented technologies, to add to our revenue growth,” commented Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia. “We are actively seeking to acquire the rights to additional patents that meet our standards,” concluded Mr. Ryan.

The patented technology is used to connect a laptop or other portable computer to multiple external devices such as a keyboard, monitor, printer, or mouse, through a single connector from the laptop to the docking station. The use of a single connector for multiple devices makes it easier to remove the laptop from the devices when it is used remotely, and to reconnect the laptop to the devices when it is returned to the docking station.

Sales of laptop computers in the U.S. were reported to be \$8.6 billion in 2003, and increased in 2004, according to industry reports. Reports also indicate that a significant number of laptops are sold with docking stations.

## **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 30 patent portfolios, which include 127 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, laptop docking station connectivity, 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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