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## ACACIA SUBSIDIARIES ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ELITE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Newport Beach, CA – (BUSINESS WIRE) May 1, 2012 - Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG) announced today that its DRAM Memory Technologies LLC and DRAM Technologies LLC subsidiaries have entered into a settlement agreement with Elite Semiconductor Memory Technology, Inc. regarding patents related to double data rate SDRAM devices. The settlement agreement resolves litigation that was pending in the Central District of California and the Eastern District of Texas.

## 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.

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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, our ability to successfully develop products, rapid technological change in our markets, changes in demand for our future products, legislative, regulatory and competitive developments 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.