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ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ENTERS INTO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SMITH & NEPHEW ENDOSCOPY

Newport Beach, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) May 20, 2009 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG) announced today that its Thermal Scalpel LLC subsidiary has entered into a patent license agreement with Smith & Nephew Endoscopy covering certain Smith & Nephew electro-surgery products. The agreement resolves litigation that was pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas with respect to those Smith & Nephew products.

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