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ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ENTERS INTO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TARGET CORPORATION

Newport Beach, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) May 31, 2013 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG) announced today that its Express Card Systems LLC subsidiary has entered into a settlement and license agreement with Target Corporation. The agreement resolves litigation that was pending in the United States District Court for 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 250 patent portfolios, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries.

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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.