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Acacia Research Granted Japanese Patent for Digital Media Technology

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) – July 24, 2002 - Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq:ACRI) announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Acacia Media Technologies Corporation, has been granted a patent for its digital media transmission technology in Japan. The patent provides coverage through January 2, 2012.

The granting of the Japanese patent strengthens the company's worldwide intellectual property position, which includes five patents in the United States and issued patents in 17 foreign countries.

The company's pioneering patents relate to audio and video transmission and receiving systems, commonly known as audio-on-demand and video-on-demand, used for distributing content via several means including the Internet, cable television systems, direct broadcast satellite systems and wireless systems.

ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Acacia Research develops, licenses and provides products for the life science and media technology sectors. Acacia licenses its V-chip technology to television manufacturers and owns pioneering technology for digital streaming and video-on-demand. Acacia's CombiMatrix subsidiary is developing a bio-chip technology for the life science market. Acacia Research's website is located at www.acaciaresearch.com.

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