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ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSES INTERSTITIAL INTERNET ADVERTISING TECHNOLOGY TO PRICELINE.COM

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) August 19, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that InternetAd Systems, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies group, a leader in technology licensing, has entered into a license with Priceline.com Incorporated covering a portfolio of patents that apply to interstitial Internet advertising. The license to Priceline.com resolves a patent infringement lawsuit against Priceline.com which was pending in the District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

“The Acacia Technologies group has now begun generating revenues from seven new licensing programs this year, as we continue to expand our revenue base,” commented Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia. “In addition to the interstitial Internet advertising technology, we have begun generating revenues from our computer simulation, compact disk, credit card fraud protection, digital video production, interactive television, and multi-dimensional bar code technologies and continue to expand our Digital Media Transmission (DMT®) licensing program,” concluded Mr. Ryan.

The interstitial Internet advertising technology generally relates to the display of certain advertising, informational, and branding messages that appear between or outside the web pages when the user is conducting a search, by storing the message prior to being displayed.

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 31 patent portfolios, which include over 120 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, hearing aid ECS, image resolution enhancement, interactive data sharing, interactive television, 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.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon our current expectations and speak only as of the date hereof. Our actual results 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.