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Acacia Research Corporation Names Matthew Vella as President

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) – September 5, 2012 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG) announced today that it has named Matthew Vella as President.

Acacia Research Corporation’s CEO, Paul Ryan, commented, “Mr. Vella has been instrumental in the exceptional growth of Acacia’s patent licensing business over the past five years. Matt has continually expanded the scope of his responsibilities and I look forward to working closely with Matt as we continue to grow and expand the business.” Mr. Ryan had previously held the positions of CEO and President and will continue to serve as CEO.

Mr. Vella joined Acacia Research Group in November 2006 as Vice President. He was appointed Senior Vice President in October 2007 and appointed Executive Vice President in October 2011.

Prior to joining Acacia, Mr. Vella was Senior Intellectual Property Counsel for ATI Research, Inc. and held a variety of licensing positions at Nortel Networks, Inc., culminating in becoming Lead Patent License Counsel for Nortel. Mr. Vella holds a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from Carleton University and a J.D. Degree from the University of Toronto Law School.

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.

Information about Acacia Research Corporation and its subsidiaries is available at www.acaciaresearchgroup.com and www.acaciaresearch.com.

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