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ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES EXPANDS PATENT LICENSING TEAM

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) September 6, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG; CBMX) announced today that its Acacia Technologies group, a leader in technology licensing, has expanded its patent licensing team with Tisha DeRaimo and Jo Anne Ybaben joining the company as Vice Presidents of Licensing.

“Ms. DeRaimo and Ms. Ybaben are great additions to our patent licensing team. Their intellectual property and licensing experience will be extremely valuable as we continue to expand our business,” commented Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia. “Acacia’s growth is being driven by licensing opportunities from our 32 patent portfolios and new business opportunities from companies and inventors that want us to acquire control of their patented technologies for licensing,” concluded Mr. Ryan.

Tisha DeRaimo’s prior experience includes the worldwide commercialization and capitalization of intellectual property with Alea Global Law, David International Trading Company and Pillsbury Winthrop. Ms. DeRaimo holds a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an M.S. from Loyola University Chicago, and a J.D. from the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Jo Anne Ybaben’s prior experience is in all facets of intellectual property law and licensing with Stout, Uxa, Buyan & Mullins and Fulwider Patton Lee & Utecht. Ms. Ybaben is a registered patent attorney who holds a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego, attended the Saint Louis University School of Law, and received her J.D. from the California Western School of Law.

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 32 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, image resolution enhancement, interactive data sharing, interactive television, hearing aid ECS, 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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