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ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ENTERS INTO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH VALPAK

Newport Beach, Calif.- October 2, 2009—Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq:ACTG) announced today that its Internet Coupon Solutions LLC subsidiary has entered into a license and settlement agreement with Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. covering certain patents relating to online coupons. The agreement resolves litigation between Internet Coupon and Valpak that was pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler division.

ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Acacia Research's subsidiaries develop, acquire, and license patented technologies. Acacia Research's subsidiaries control over 125 patent portfolios, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries.

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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.