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### **ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSES RESOURCE SCHEDULING TECHNOLOGY TO ROCKWELL AUTOMATION**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) October 24, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that TechSearch, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies group, a leader in technology licensing, has entered into a license with Rockwell Automation, Inc., covering a patent that applies to systems for scheduling and managing resources.

“The agreement with Rockwell Automation is the first license for our Resource Scheduling technology,” commented Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia. “We have now generated revenues from 12 different patented technologies so far this year, as we continue to expand our revenue base,” concluded Mr. Ryan.

The Resource Scheduling technology generally relates to methods and software application tools for scheduling and managing resources used in manufacturing facilities, hospital facilities, fleet delivery organizations, and other resource-dependent markets. These resource scheduling tools are often integrated as part of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution used to manage a company’s complete operations.

### **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 33 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, high resolution optics, 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](http://www.acaciaresearch.com).

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