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COURT ISSUES INITIAL CLAIM CONSTRUCTION ORDER IN DIGITAL MEDIA TRANSMISSION LITIGATION

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) December 8, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that the District Court for the Northern District of California issued its initial Claim Construction Order in the pending Digital Media Transmission (“DMT[®]”) litigation brought by its Acacia Media Technology Corporation subsidiary against certain Cable, Satellite, and Internet defendants.

In the Order, the Court confirmed its tentative ruling, previously issued on July 12, 2004. In the initial phase of the claim construction process, the Court permitted the parties to submit 22 terms from Acacia’s DMT patents to be defined by the Court. The Court has defined 19 terms so far, and has held that 3 terms could not be defined and are indefinite. The indefinite terms potentially invalidate 1 of Acacia’s 5 DMT Patents. The Court invited the parties to submit additional terms for construction, as well as motions based upon the Order, to be heard at a hearing on February 24, 2006.

At this time, Acacia expects to submit additional terms to the Court to be defined in the next phase of the claim construction process, and will continue to assert up to 30 patent claims that do not contain the indefinite terms from its 4 other DMT patents, and that Acacia believes are infringed by the defendants. At the earliest opportunity, Acacia also expects to appeal the Court’s decision on 2 of the 3 indefinite terms to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Acacia has 307 license agreements for its DMT technology with companies that provide online entertainment, movies, music, news, sports, corporate advertising and promotion, and e-learning, and cable television services, and hotel on-demand television services.

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 34 patent portfolios, which include over 130 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.

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Information about the Acacia Technologies group and the CombiMatrix group is available at www.acaciaresearch.com.

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