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**ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ACQUIRES THE RIGHTS TO A PATENT
FOR DISTRIBUTED DATA MANAGEMENT
AND SYNCHRONIZATION TECHNOLOGY**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) December 17, 2009 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq:ACTG) announced today that a subsidiary has acquired the rights to a patent for distributed data management and synchronization technology.

“Acacia continues to grow its base of future revenues by adding new patent portfolios,” commented Paul Ryan, Acacia Chairman and CEO. “As our licensing success grows, more patent owners are selecting us as their partner for the licensing of their patented technologies,” concluded Mr. Ryan.

This patented technology generally relates to the distributed management and synchronization of select data elements between applications based on pre-defined permissions.

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.

Information about Acacia Research is available at www.acaciatechnologies.com and www.acaciaresearch.com

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

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 ability to become the licensing partner for companies, large and small, and 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, the ability to successfully develop licensing programs and attract new business, rapid technological change in relevant markets, changes in demand for current and future intellectual property rights, legislative, regulatory and competitive developments addressing licensing and enforcement of patents and/or intellectual property in general, 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.