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**ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES TO PRESENT AT
THE 9TH ANNUAL NEEDHAM GROWTH CONFERENCE**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) December 29, 2006 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that its Acacia Technologies Group, a leader in technology licensing, will present at the 9th Annual Needham Growth Conference in New York at the New York Palace Hotel on Tuesday, January 09, 2007 at 9:30 AM (EST).

At the conference, Chief Executive Officer, Paul Ryan, will discuss the growth of Acacia's patent licensing business.

The Acacia Technologies group is serving a large unmet need in the market, as an outsourced partner, for small and mid-sized technology companies who want to generate revenues from the licensing of their patented technologies.

The presentation will be webcast live and a replay will also be available and can be accessed at http://www.acaciatechnologies.com/events.htm.

## 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 57 patent portfolios 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, laptop docking station connectivity, microprocessor enhancement, multi-dimensional bar codes, network data storage, resource scheduling, rotational video imaging,  spreadsheet automation, user activated Internet advertising and web conferencing & collaboration software.

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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