

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â MARXE AUSTIN W &  
GREENHOUSE DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS  
FUNDS,Â 527 MADISON  
AVENUE, SUITE 2600

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG/CBMX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/29/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

AR CombiMatrix Tracking Common Stock 3,000,000 <sup>(1)</sup>

I <sup>(1)</sup> By Limited Partnerships <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrants	12/15/2006	12/13/2011	Common Stock	3,600,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.87 <sup>(1)</sup>	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Limited Partnerships <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS 527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600 NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â X	Â	Â

## Signatures

Austin W.  
Marxe  
02/21/2007  
Date  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

David M.  
Greenhouse  
02/21/2007  
Date  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Private Equity Fund, LP (PE) and Special Situations Life Science Fund, L.P. (LS).

(1) 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock & 2,400,000 Wts are owned by PE and 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock & 1,200,000 Wts are owned by LS. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock & Warrants owned by PE and LS is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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