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**ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ENTERS INTO SETTLEMENT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT
WITH MICROSOFT**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) January 25, 2010 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq:ACTG) announced today that its Webmap Technologies LLC subsidiary has entered into a settlement and license agreement resolving litigation with Microsoft Corporation. The agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action Case No. 2:09-cv-00343-DF-CE, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

This patented technology generally relates to aggregating and expressing geographically linked data. This technology can be used by interactive internet maps to provide geographical data along with other associated information.

ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Acacia Research's subsidiaries develop, acquire, and license patented technologies. Acacia Research's subsidiaries control over 140 patent portfolios, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries.

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