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**ACACIA SUBSIDIARY ENTERS INTO  
LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SMITHS MEDICAL**

Newport Beach, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) April 6, 2011 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG) announced today that its Catheter Flushing LLC subsidiary has entered into a license agreement with Smiths Medical ASD, Inc. covering patents generally relating to the catheterization of patients using a guide wire and a flushing port. The agreement resolves litigation that was pending in the United States District Court for the District of Utah with respect to certain Smiths Medical products.

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Acacia Research Corporation’s subsidiaries partner with inventors and patent owners, license the patents to corporate users, and share the revenue. Acacia Research Corporation’s subsidiaries control over 170 patent portfolios, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries.

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