FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ACLS]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
					Director	10% Owner				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2003	X	Officer (give title below) Executive VP a	Other (specify below) and COO				
(Street)	Street) 4. If		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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		Table L - Non-F	Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Benef	icially	Owned					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,			Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			Owned Following	(D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130. 4)		

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock option (right to buy)	5.7	05/01/2003		A ⁽¹⁾		50,000		05/01/2007 ⁽²⁾	05/01/2013	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Granted Pursuant to the Axcelis Technologies, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

2. Excercisable as to 25% of the total shares on each of 5/01/2004, 5/01/2005, 5/01/2006 and 5/01/2007.

Lynnette C. Fallon, as

Attorney-in-Fact for Michael J. 05/05/2003

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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