FORM 4

### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>TAKAHASHI NAOKI</u>				4	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ ACLS ]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	(Fi	(First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2003							Officer (give title below)			Other (s below)	pecify
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)											Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
Date				. Transacti Date Month/Day	Execution Date		Date,	e, Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Disposed	rities Acquired (A) c ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 t (A) or Prid		Benefici	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Amount			Transact			action(s) . 3 and 4)				
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye	Cod	saction e (Instr.			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cod	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock option (right to buy)	6.08	07/01/2003		A <sup>(1)</sup>		15,000		12/29/2003	3 0	7/01/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$0.00	15,000	)	D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

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

<u>Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney-</u> 07/02/2003 in-fact for Naoki Takahashi

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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