FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BREWER KEVIN J					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ACLS]									Check	all app	p of Reportin blicable) ctor er (give title	ig Person	10% C		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2012									X Officer (give title 1) EVP, Operations						
(Street) BEVERLY MA 01915 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acq	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, oı	r Bene	eficia	ally	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					ır) E	Execution f any	A. Deemed Recution Date, any Ionth/Day/Year)				ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Se Be Ov		Securities Beneficially		rship irect direct . 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	е	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(111341.4)			
Common Stock 03/15					/2012				A		120,000) ⁽¹⁾ A		\$	0 210,047 ⁽²⁾		D)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		ount	nt		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Own Forn Direc or In (I) (Ir	ership n: ct (D) direct nstr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares are issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Plan. 100% of these restricted stock units will vest on either March 15, 2013 or March 15, 2014 or will forfeit on March 15, 2013, based on the Company's achievement of performance goals under the 2012 Axcelis Management Incentive Plan.
- 2. Of the shares held as of March 15, 2012, 120,000 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted the executive under the 2000 Stock Plan and are subject to forfeiture.

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney in fact for Kevin J. Brewer

03/16/2012

** 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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