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*  FLYNN MATTHEW P  |  |             |                 |                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ ACLS ] |  |      |  |   |   | ] (Che   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  EVP, Customer Operations |  |   |                                       |  |
|--|--|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE   |  |             |                 |                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2009                   |  |      |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |                                       |  |
| (Street) BEVERI (City)   |  | IA<br>tate) | 01915<br>(Zip)  | 4                |   |  |      |  |   | 6. Inc<br>Line)   | ·  |   |  |   |                                       |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |             |                 |                  |   |  |      |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D   |  |             | е               | Execution Date,  |   | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3) |      |  | 5. Amount<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned Fo<br>Reported | Form<br>(D) o   | Ownership<br>orm: Direct<br>O) or Indirect<br>) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Dwnership Instr. 4)   |  |   |                                       |  |
|  |  |             |                 |                  |   |  | Code | V  | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price  | Transactio  |  |   | (111341.4)                            |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |             |                 |                  |   |  |      |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            |             | Execution Date, | Code (Instr.     |   | Derivative I   |      | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | Derivative<br>Security  | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |             |                 | Code             | v   | (A)  |      | Date<br>Exercisable  |   | Expiration<br>Date  | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares   |  | (Instr. 4)  |                                       |  |
| Stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$1.16   | 11/16/2009  |                 | A <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 150,000  |      | 11/16/2013 <sup>(</sup>  | 2) 1  | 1/16/2019   | Common<br>Stock  | 150,000   | \$0  | 150,000   | D                                     |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Granted Pursuant to the Axcelis Technologies, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- $2. \ Exercisable \ as \ to \ 25\% \ of \ the \ total \ shares \ on \ each \ of \ 11/16/2010, \ 11/16/2011, \ 11/16/2012 \ and \ 11/16/2013.$

<u>Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney</u> <u>in fact for Matthew Flynn</u>

11/17/2009

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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