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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ACLS] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| <u>VAN MAAREN JAN PAUL</u> | | | | | 1 | TITICELLIS TECHNOLOGIES HIG [ACES] | | | | | | | | | | Direc | tor | | 10% O | wner | |
| (1 | | | | | | | 2. Data of Farlingt Transportion (Month/Day/Voor) | | | | | | | | | Office belov | er (give title v) | | Other (below) | specify | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2003 | | | | | | | | | VP and GM, CCS | | | | | |
| C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | | | | | 12/ | 12/31/2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | - , | | | |
| 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | Execution Date | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | | 4 and Se Be Ov | | ount of ties cially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | , l· | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 12/31/ | | | | | | 31/2003 | | | | V | 403.6 | 5 | A | A \$4.95 | | 956 3,965.8 | | D | | | |
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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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | Code (Instr. | | n of | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | n Dat | Amor Ar) Secu Unde Deriv Secu | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4) | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4) | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | (D) irect | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Purchased under the Axcelis Technologies, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, qualified under I.R.C. Section 423.

<u>Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney-</u> <u>in-fact for Jan Paul van Maaren</u>

** 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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