FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KEITHLEY JOSEPH P				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ ACLS ]								(Che	elationshi ck all ap	plicable)	ng Person(s) to I	ssuer Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012										Offic belo	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify )
108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. In	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) BEVERLY MA 01915													Z					
(City)	(St	ate) (2	Zip)															
		Tabl	e I - Non	-Deriva	ative	Se	curitie	s Ac	quired	l, Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	ficiall	y Own	ed		
			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)   i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,		(A) or 3, 4 and	Secur Benef Owne	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amount	() (I	A) or D)	Price		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 05/24				05/24	/2012		P		5,000 A S		\$1.01	1 15,000		D				
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	Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) erivative		Date,		ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Number of Title Shares		etr. 3	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney in fact for Joseph P. Keithley

05/24/2012

\*\* 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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