FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HARDIS STEPHEN R</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ ACLS ]							elationship ( eck all applic X Directo	cable)	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2011								Other (s below)	pecify	
108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
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(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)														
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			instr. 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	Code	saction (Instr.			6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	· v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
stock option (right to buy)	\$1.6	07/15/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>		40,000		01/12/2012	07/15/2021	Common Stock	40,000	\$0	40,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

<u>Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney</u> in fact for Stephen R. Hardis

07/18/2011

\*\* 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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