

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>BREWER KEVIN J</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</b><br><b>108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>BEVERLY MA 01915</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ ACLS ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>EVP &amp; Chief Financial Officer</b> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>05/16/2018</b>                   |  |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |                       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D)       | Price                 |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/16/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 2,209   | D <sup>(1)</sup> | \$22.4 <sup>(2)</sup> | 52,014 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/16/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 15,720  | A                | \$0.00 <sup>(4)</sup> | 67,734 <sup>(5)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/16/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 15,720  | A                | \$0.00 <sup>(6)</sup> | 83,454 <sup>(7)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/17/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 921   | D <sup>(8)</sup> | \$22.4 <sup>(9)</sup> | 82,533 <sup>(10)</sup>  | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of 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. 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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |  | (A)  | (D) |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares were withheld by the Company to cover the tax withholding obligations of the executive on the vesting of restricted stock units on May 16, 2018.
- Represents the closing price on May 16, 2018.
- Of the shares held as of May 16, 2018, 27,500 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- These shares are issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. Assuming continuation of employment, 25% of these restricted stock units will vest on each of May 16, 2019, May 16, 2020, May 16, 2021 and May 16, 2022.
- Of the shares held as of May 16, 2018, 43,220 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- These shares are issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. Assuming continuation of employment, up to 50% of these restricted stock units will vest on each of February 28, 2019 and February 28, 2020, based on performance vesting criteria. Unvested restricted stock units will forfeit on February 28, 2019.
- Of the shares held as of May 16, 2018, 58,940 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- These shares were withheld by the Company to cover the tax withholding obligations of the executive on the vesting of restricted stock units on May 17, 2018.
- Represents the closing price on May 17, 2018.
- Of the shares held as of May 17, 2018, 55,815 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.

**Remarks:**

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney 05/17/2018  
in fact for Kevin J. Brewer

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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