

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Low Russell</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE _____ (Street) BEVERLY MA 01915 _____ (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ACLS]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Engineering</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/15/2021</u> | |
| 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 | 05/15/2021 | | F | | 1,462 | D ⁽¹⁾ | \$38.16 ⁽²⁾ | 56,251 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2021 | | F | | 1,399 | D ⁽¹⁾ | \$38.16 ⁽²⁾ | 54,852 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2021 | | F | | 902 | D ⁽¹⁾ | \$38.16 ⁽²⁾ | 53,950 ⁽⁵⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2021 | | F | | 1,109 | D ⁽¹⁾ | \$38.16 ⁽²⁾ | 52,841 ⁽⁶⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2021 | | A | | 8,160 | A | \$0.00 ⁽⁷⁾ | 61,001 ⁽⁸⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2021 | | A | | 8,160 | A | \$0.00 ⁽⁹⁾ | 69,161 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 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) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

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.
- Represents the closing price of the common stock on the date of the tax withholding.
- Of the shares held after this first tax withholding forfeiture (and related vesting) on May 15, 2021, 32,078 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- Of the shares held after this second tax withholding forfeiture (and related vesting) on May 15, 2021, 28,924 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- Of the shares held after this tax withholding forfeiture (and related vesting) on May 16, 2021, 26,891 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- Of the shares held after this tax withholding forfeiture (and related vesting) on May 17, 2021, 24,391 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 17, 2022, May 17, 2023, May 17, 2024 and May 17, 2025.
- Of the shares held after this first grant on May 17, 2021, 32,551 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- In this grant under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, the executive may earn shares of common stock, ranging from zero to 150% of the granted units. The shares are earned based on the achievement of 2021 performance goals. Assuming continuation of employment, 50% of the earned shares will vest on each of February 28, 2022 and February 28, 2023. Unearned restricted stock units will forfeit on February 28, 2022.
- Of the shares held after this second grant on May 17, 2021, 40,711 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 05/18/2021
in fact for Russell J. Low

** 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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