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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>FLYNN MATTHEW P</u>		Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC</u> [ ACLS ]		ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
,			—	x	Officer (give title	Other (specify
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		below)	below)
		( )	12/02/2009		EVP, Customer	Operations
C/O AXCEL	IS TECHNOLO	GIES, INC.				
108 CHERR	Y HILL DRIVE					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		vidual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable
(Street)				Line)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities / Disposed Of ( 5)			Securities	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	12/02/2009		G	v	10,000	D	<b>\$0</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	120,614 <sup>(2)</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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D)	Derivative Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4		ate	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				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares were a bona fide gift to a family member not sharing the same household.

2. Of the shares held as of December 2, 2009, 56,736 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted the executive under the 2000 Stock Plan and are subject to forfeiture. A portion of these shares will be withheld by the Company on vesting to satisfy tax withholding requirements.

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney 12/03/2009

in fact for Matthew Flynn

\*\* 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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