FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  FALLON LYNNETTE C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ ACLS ]									Check al	II applio Directo	cable)		Issuer Owner er (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2012										X below) below) below)  Executive VP, HR/Legal				w)	
(Street) BEVERLY MA 01915  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						r) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				Disposed	ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and Secu Bend Own		ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Common Stock 03/15/2					15/2012						116,363	3 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$	229,729 <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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date, Transac Code (In					6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. §	tive d ty S 5) E F	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction( (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These shares are issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Plan. These restricted stock units will vest as to 100% of the shares on either March 15, 2013 or March 15, 2014 or will forfeit on March 15, 2013, depending on the Company's achievement of performance targets under the 2012 Axcelis Management Incentive Plan.
- 2. Of the shares held as of March 15, 2012, 116,363 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted the executive under the 2000 Stock Plan and are subject to forfeiture.

Lynnette C. Fallon 03/16/2012

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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