

AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Low Russell

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC
 [ACLS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/17/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Engineering

AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BEVERLY, MA 01915

(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	05/17/2017		A	10,000	A \$ 0 (1)	20,949 (2)	D
Common Stock	05/17/2017		A	3,333	A \$ 0 (3)	24,282 (4)	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Low Russell AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE BEVERLY, MA 01915			EVP, Engineering	

Signatures

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney in fact for Russell J. Low
 Signature: _____ Date: 05/17/2017

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 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 May 17, 2018, May 17, 2019, May 17, 2020 and May 17, 2021. The executive has agreed that a number of shares, having a value equal to the required tax withholding at vesting, will be withheld from the shares issued on each vest date.
 - (2) Of the shares held immediately prior to May 17, 2017 10,949 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
 - (3) These shares are issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. Assuming continuation of employment, some or all of these restricted stock units will vest on February 28, 2018 based on performance vesting criteria. Unvested restricted stock units will forfeit on that date. The executive has agreed that a number of shares, having a value equal to the required tax withholding at vesting, will be withheld from the shares issued on the vest date.
 - (4) Of the shares held as of May 17, 2017, 24,282 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.

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