AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FLETCHER R JOHN Issuer Symbol **AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC** (Check all applicable) [ACLS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE 12/17/2004 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BEVERLY, MA 01915 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Amount (D) Common 12/17/2004 P 2,000 7,000 D Stock

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

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				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			
FLETCHER R JOHN 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE BEVERLY, MA 01915	X						

Signatures

Lynnette C. Fallon, as attorney-in-fact for R. John Fletcher 12/17/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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