FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

| Washington,  | D.C. | 20549 |
|--------------|------|-------|
| vasiliigion, | D.C. | 20070 |

| eck this box if no longer subject |
|-----------------------------------|
| Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5      |
| igations may continue. See        |
| 4 4.1 4 / 1- \                    |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| OMB APPROVAL       |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| OMB Number:        | 3235-0287 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated average  | burden    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| hours per response | : 0.5     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Lawson Douglas A.  ——————————————————————————————————— |  |       |  |                                | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC ACLS |  |                            |   |              |  |   |                         |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner     Officer (give title Other (specify |   |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
|---|--|-------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|--------------|--|---|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  |  |       |  |                                | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2024               |  |                            |   |              |  |   | I                       |  | below<br>CORF  | v)<br>PORATE I  | MKTC   | below)                                | ATEGY   |             |  |  |
| 108 CHERRY HILL DRIVE   |  |       |  |                                | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |                            |   |              |  |   |                         |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |   |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
| (Street) BEVERI   | treet) EVERLY MA 01915   |       |  |                                |   |  |                            |   |              |  |   |                         |  |  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |       |  | Rı                             | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication                                     |  |                            |   |              |  |   |                         |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
|   |  |       |  |                                |   | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. |                            |   |              |  |   |                         |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
|   |  | Table | I - N                                  | lon-Deriva                     | tive  | Secui  | rities                     | Acc                                     | quire        | d, Di  | sposed o  | f, or E                 | Benefic                                | ially  | Own   | ed   |                                       |   |             |  |  |
| Dat   |  |       | 2. Transactio<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/\) | Executi<br>(ear) if any        |   | ion Date,  |                            | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |              | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4     |   | d (A) or<br>r. 3, 4 and | nd 5) Securi                           |  | cially<br>I Following   | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                  |                                       | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |             |  |  |
|   |  |       |  |                                |   |  |                            |   | Code         | v  | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)           | Price                                  |  | Transa  | ction(s)<br>3 and 4)   |                                       |   | (111041. 4) |  |  |
| Common Stock 05/15/   |  |       |  | 05/15/202                      | 24  |  |                            |   | A            |  | 1,365   | A                       | <b>\$0</b> <sup>(1</sup>               | <sup>(1)</sup> 19  |   | ,598 <sup>(2)</sup>  |                                       | D   |             |  |  |
| Common Stock 05/15/2  |  |       |  | 05/15/202                      | 24  |  |                            |   | F            |  | 861   | D <sup>(3)</sup>        | \$112.9                                | 94 <sup>(4)</sup> 18,737   |   | ,737 <sup>(5)</sup>  | 737 <sup>(5)</sup> D                  |   |             |  |  |
| Common  | Stock  |       |  | 05/15/202                      | 24  | 24   |                            |   |              |  | 256   | D <sup>(6)</sup>        | \$112.9                                | 2.94 <sup>(4)</sup> 18   |   | 8,481 <sup>(7)</sup>   |                                       | D   |             |  |  |
| Common Stock 05/16/202  |  |       |  | 24                             |   |  |                            | F                                       |              | 536  | D <sup>(8)</sup>                                  | \$113.5                 | 7(4)                                   | 7 <sup>(4)</sup> 17,945 <sup>(9)</sup>   |   | D  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |       |  |                                |   |  |                            |   |              |  |   |                         |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |
| Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any       |  |       |  | ransaction of ode (Instr. Deri |   | red<br>sed<br>3, 4   | Expiration<br>re (Month/Da |   |              | 7. Title<br>Amou<br>Secur<br>Under<br>Deriva<br>Secur<br>3 and | int of<br>ities<br>rlying<br>ative<br>ity (Instr. |                         | ivative<br>urity<br>tr. 5)             | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4)          | y D (I  | 0.<br>Ownership<br>orm:<br>Irect (D)<br>r Indirect<br>) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |             |  |  |
|   |  |       |  |                                | Code  | v  | (A)                        | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exer | rcisable   | Expiration<br>Date                                | Title                   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |   |  |                                       |   |             |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares are issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan on May 15, 2024. In this grant, 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 2024 performance goals. 100% of the earned shares will vest on February 28, 2025. Unearned restricted stock units will forfeit on February 28, 2025.
- 2. Of the shares held after this grant on May 15, 2024, 13,192 shares were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the executive under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- 3. This forfeiture of shares for tax withholding purposes relates to the vesting on May 15, 2024 of service vesting restricted stock units granted to the executive in May 2023. As agreed with the executive, the shares issued to the executive on the vesting were reduced by a number of shares having a value equal to the executive's tax withholding obligation with respect to the vested restricted stock units.
- 4. Represents the closing price of the common stock on the date of the tax withholding.
- 5. Of the shares held after this vesting event on May 15, 2024, 10,469 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture.
- 6. This forfeiture of shares for tax withholding purposes relates to the vesting on May 15, 2024 of service vesting restricted stock units granted to the executive in May 2020. As agreed with the executive, the shares issued to the executive on the vesting were reduced by a number of shares having a value equal to the executive's tax withholding obligation with respect to the vested restricted stock units.
- 7. Of the shares held after this vesting event on May 15, 2024, 9,893 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture
- 8. This forfeiture of shares for tax withholding purposes relates to the vesting on May 16, 2024 of service vesting restricted stock units granted to the executive in May 2022. As agreed with the executive, the shares issued to the executive on the vesting were reduced by a number of shares having a value equal to the executive's tax withholding obligation with respect to the vested restricted stock units.
- 9. Of the shares held after this vesting event on May 16, 2024, 8,685 were issuable on vesting of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject

/s/ Lynnette C. Fallon, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

05/17/2024

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.