

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 23, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 17, 2016  
ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-26068 95-4405754  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Newport Center Drive 92660  
Newport Beach, California  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300  
Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Data Engine Technologies LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement and license agreement with International Business Machines Corporation. This agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action Nos. 6:13-cv-00859 and 6:13-cv-00860, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: June 23, 2016 By: /s/ Marvin Key  
Name: Marvin Key  
Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer