ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K May 17, 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): May 13, 2016 ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware000-2606895-4405754(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Newport Center Drive 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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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Cellular Communications Equipment LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a license agreement with Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. This agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action Nos. 6:14-cv-00759, 2:15-cv-00576, 2:15-cv-00579, 2:15-cv-00580 and 2:15-cv-00581, 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: May 17, 2016 By:/s/ Marvin Key Name: Marvin Key Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer