

**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)

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

**520 Newport Center Drive  
Newport Beach, California**

**92660**

(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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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