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# 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): July 8, 2009

# ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-26068 (Commission File Number)	95-4405754 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
500 Newport Center Dr Newport Beach, Califor		660
(Address of principal executiv		Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including	area code: (949) 480-8300	
Not applicable		
(Former name	e or former address, if changed sir	nce last report.)
Check the appropriate box below if the F the registrant under any of the following p	•	nultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of n A.2. below):
[ ] Written communications [	pursuant to Rule 425 under the Se	ecurities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
[ ] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
[ ] Pre-commencement communication	ns pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) unde	er the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Data Network Storage LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, has entered into a settlement and license agreement with Sun Microsystems, Inc. This agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 3-2009-cv-00658, that was pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

### **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: July 8, 2009 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer