

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP
Form 8-K
May 21, 2009

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 15, 2009

ACACIA RESEARCH
CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as
specified in its charter)

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

500 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 15, 2009, IP Innovation LLC, New Medium LLC and AV Technologies LLC, subsidiaries of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement agreement with Barco N.V. The settlement agreement resolves patent litigation, Case No. 1:05-cv-05620, that was pending against Barco N.V. in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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 21, 2009

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan
Name: Paul R. Ryan
Title: Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer