ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K March 23, 2012

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): March 20, 2012

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 Drive Newport Beach, California (Address of principal executive offices)

92660 (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.

Internet Communications Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, and magicJack VocalTec have entered into a Patent License and Settlement Agreement which resolves all disputes between all parties currently pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Tyler Division), Case No. 6:11cv375.

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: March 22, 2012

By:

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