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 14, 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	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.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Compression Technology Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement agreement with Hewlett-Packard Company. This agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 4:11-cv-01579, which was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and transferred to the Northern District of California, Civil Action No. 4:12-cv-1746-DMR.

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.

By:

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: June 14, 2012

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