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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.**

Online News Link LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, and Acxiom Corporation have reached a settlement that resolves the dispute between the parties currently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-03021-K.

**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: January 20, 2015 By: /s/ Matthew Vella  
Name: Matthew Vella  
Title: Chief Executive Officer