

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2009

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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): December 17, 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 Identification  
incorporation) No.)

500 Newport Center Drive 92660  
Newport Beach, California  
(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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  - 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.

Data Detection Systems LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, has entered into a license and settlement agreement with BMC Software, Inc. The agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 4:09-cv-01204, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

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: December 17, 2009

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

