

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORP

Form S-8

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Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 300

Pasadena, CA 91101

46-0408024
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED

STAND ALONE INDUCEMENT OPTIONS*

(Full Title of the Plan)

***See Explanatory Note on Following Page**

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities | Amount to be Registered(1) | Proposed | Proposed | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| | | Maximum Offering Price per Share(2) | Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 1,000,000(3) | \$6.658 | \$6,658,000 | \$763.01 |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 225,000(4) | \$6.658 | \$1,498,050 | \$171.68 |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 30,000(5) | \$6.658 | \$199,740 | \$22.89 |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 17,500(6) | \$6.658 | \$116,515 | \$13.35 |
| Total Amount | | | \$8,472,305 | \$970.93 |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this registration statement also covers any additional shares of common stock which become issuable under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended or the stand alone inducement options by reason of any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant s outstanding shares of common stock.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457 of the Securities Act, and based on the average of the high and low sale prices of the Registrant s common stock, as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market, on April 11, 2012.
- (3) Represents shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance pursuant to options available for grant (but not yet granted) under the Amended and Restated 2004 Incentive Plan (the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan).
- (4) Represents shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of inducement options granted on October 21, 2011 to various employees at a newly acquired facility in connection with their employment.
- (5) Represents shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of inducement options granted on October 26, 2011 to Bruce D. Given in connection with his employment.
- (6) Represents shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of inducement options granted on October 31, 2011 to Brendan Rae in connection with his employment.

Explanatory Note

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed by the registrant to register (i) 1,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, issuable under the registrant's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the **2004 Plan**), which shares represent an increase to the shares issuable under the Plan from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 shares, and (ii) 264,500 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, issuable under previously announced stand-alone inducement stock option awards granted on October 2011 to the registrant's Chief Operating Officer, Chief Business Officer, and employees at a newly acquired research and development facility. All share numbers reflected in this registration statement have been adjusted for the Company's one-for-ten reverse stock split effected on November 17, 2011.

Registration Statements on Form S-8, (File Nos. 333-124066, 333-136225, and 333-170252) were filed previously with the SEC by the Registrant to register an aggregate of 1,000,000 shares of its common stock issued or issuable under the 2004 Plan. The contents of the prior Registration Statements relating to the 2004 Plan (File Nos. 333-124066, 333-136225, and 222-170252) are incorporated herein by reference.

Part I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

Part II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this registration statement, and later information filed with the SEC will update and supersede this information. We hereby incorporate by reference into this registration statement the following documents previously filed with the SEC:

The registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011 filed with the SEC on December 20, 2011;

The registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2012;

The registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 6, 2011, October 24, 2011 (as amended by the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on December 30, 2011), October 26, 2011, October 27, 2011, November 15, 2011, November 17, 2011, February 23, 2012 and April 11, 2012; and

The description of the Registrant's common stock contained in the registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A/A (Registration No. 000-21898), filed by the registrant with the SEC under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), on November 1, 2010, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents that the registrant subsequently files pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to the registration statement which indicates that all of the shares of common stock offered have been sold or which deregisters all of such shares then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents; except as to any portion of any future annual or quarterly report to stockholders or document or current report furnished under current Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K that is not deemed filed under such provisions. For the purposes of this registration statement, any statement

contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Under no circumstances will any information filed under current items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K be deemed incorporated herein by reference unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

None.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, provides for the elimination of personal monetary liability of directors to the fullest extent permissible under Delaware law. Delaware law does not permit the elimination or limitation of director monetary liability for: (i) breaches of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law; (iii) the payment of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions or (iv) transactions in which the director received an improper personal benefit.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a Delaware corporation to indemnify, on certain terms and conditions, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action. The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company require the Company to indemnify the Company's directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and our executive officers. These agreements provide that we will indemnify each of our directors and executive officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. We will advance expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts, to each indemnified director and executive officer in connection with any proceeding in which indemnification is available and we will indemnify our directors and officers for any action or proceeding arising out of that person's services as an officer or director brought on behalf of the Company or in furtherance of our rights.

We also maintain general liability insurance which covers certain liabilities of our directors and officers arising out of claims based on acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| 4.1 | Form of Common Stock Certificate (1) |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP* |
| 23.1 | Consent of Rose, Snyder & Jacobs LLP* |
| 23.2 | Consent of Ropes & Gray LLP (filed as a part of Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1 | Power of attorney (set forth on signature page) |
| 99.1 | 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (2) |
| 99.2 | Form of Inducement Grant* |

* Filed herewith.

- (1) Filed as an exhibit to the registrant's Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on September 11, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Filed as Annex B of the registrant's Proxy Statement filed on January 12, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section shall not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)) that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the

offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Pasadena, California, on April 12, 2012.

Arrowhead Research Corporation

By: /s/ Christopher Anzalone
 Christopher Anzalone
 President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Christopher Anzalone and Kenneth A. Myszkowski, his or her attorney-in-fact, with power of substitution, in his or her name and in the capacity indicated below, to sign any and all further amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement on Form S-8 and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|--|----------------|
| /s/ Christopher Anzalone Christopher Anzalone | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | April 12, 2012 |
| /s/ Kenneth A. Myszkowski Kenneth A. Myszkowski | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | April 12, 2012 |
| /s/ Mauro Ferrari Mauro Ferrari | Director | April 12, 2012 |
| /s/ Edward W. Frykman Edward W. Frykman | Director | April 12, 2012 |
| /s/ Douglass Given Edward W. Frykman | Director | April 12, 2012 |
| /s/ Charles P. McKenney Charles P. McKenney | Director | April 12, 2012 |
| /s/ Michael Perry Michael Perry | Director | April 12, 2012 |

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