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): May 2, 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.

Optical Memory Storage LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement and license agreement with CMC Magnetics Corporation covering a portfolio of patents that apply to optical memory storage solutions. This settlement agreement resolves patent litigation Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-12566-PDB-MJH that was pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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: May 3, 2012

By:

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