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••Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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••Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 16, 2016, Arch Therapeutics, Inc. (the “**Company**”) issued a press release announcing that a notice of allowance from the U.S. Patent Office has been received on a broad composition of matter patent that is assigned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Versitech Limited, and which is exclusively licensed worldwide to the Company. The text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibit**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit Description**

99.1 Press Release issued by Arch Therapeutics, Inc. on May 16, 2016

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**ARCH THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

Dated: May 16, 2016 By: /s/ Terrence W. Norchi, M.D.  
Name: Terrence W. Norchi, M.D.  
Title: President, Chief Executive  
Officer

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