

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2010

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 23, 2010

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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  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

500 Newport Center Drive,  
Newport Beach, California 92660  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 480-8300  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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.

Software Tree LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, has entered into a confidential settlement and license agreement with Dell Inc. The agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action Case No. 6:08-cv-0097-LED, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas with respect to the identified parties.

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: March 23, 2010

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

