

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 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): May 15, 2009

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)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 18, 2009, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing the verdict of a patent infringement trial brought by its subsidiary, Creative Internet Advertising Corporation, against Yahoo! Inc. A copy of that release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 18, 2009 of the Registrant.

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.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: May 18, 2009

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