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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 26, 2012, Content Delivery Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement and license agreement with Verizon Patent and Licensing Inc. The settlement and license agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 1:11-cv-00216-LY that was pending in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas.

**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: April 30, 2012 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan  
Name: Paul R. Ryan  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer