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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): March 6, 2007

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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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(b) Effective on March 7, 2007, Robert A. Berman is no longer employed as our Chief Operating Officer. The duties of our principal operating officer have been assumed by the offices of Chief Executive Officer and President.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of the Registrant dated March 7, 2007.

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: March 6, 2007

By: <u>/s/ Paul R. Ryan</u> Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer