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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Castlen Optometrics LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement and patent license agreement with Essilor Labs Company and Essilor Laboratories of America, Inc. The settlement and patent license agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-00387-JRG, that was pending in the United States District Court, Eastern 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: March 21, 2013 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan
Name: Paul R. Ryan
Title: Chief Executive Officer