

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2008

**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): October 14, 2008

**Arrowhead Research Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**0-21898**

(Commission File Number)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**46-0408024**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**201 South Lake Avenue, Suite 703, Pasadena, CA 91101**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (626) 304-3400

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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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 14, 2008, Arrowhead Research Corporation (the Company ) issued a new release in which the Chief Executive Officer of the Company updated stockholders on the Company s strategy and briefly described the Company s majority owned subsidiaries and minority investments. The release is planned to be the first of several weekly updates. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | News Release dated October 14, 2008 |

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 20, 2008

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul C. McDonnel  
Paul C. McDonnel  
Chief Financial Officer