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| SECURITIES A | ND EXCHANGE CO | MMISSION |
| | Washington, D.C. 20549 | |
| | FORM 8-K | |
| Pursuant to Section 13 | CURRENT REPORT OR 15(d) of The Securities Exch | ange Act of 1934 |
| Date of Report (D | ate of earliest event reported): Septemb | per 7, 2004 |
| | d Research Corpo | oration |
| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction | 0-21898 (Commission File Number) | 46-0408024 (I.R.S. Employer |
| of incorporation) | | Identification No.) |

1118 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (626) 792-5549

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02(c). Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election or Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On September 9, 2004, Arrowhead Research Corporation announced that Joseph T. Kingsley was hired as Chief Financial Officer of the company. Mr. Kingsley s first day in his role as CFO at the company was Tuesday, September 7, 2004. The related Press Release is attached as exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated September 9, 2004. |

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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.

Date: September 10, 2004

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ R. Bruce Stewart

R. Bruce Stewart, President

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