# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

| FORM 8-K       |
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| CURRENT REPORT |

### Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): April 28, 2016

# **Arbutus Biopharma Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

001-34949 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) Incorporation)

980597776 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

100-8900 Glenlyon Parkway, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5J 5J8

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(604) 419-3200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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# Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 28, 2016, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated April 28, 2016

# **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.

# **Arbutus Biopharma Corporation**

Date: April 28, 2016

By: <u>/s/ Bruce G. Cousins</u>

Name: Bruce G. Cousins

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

### Arbutus to Provide a Corporate Update and Release First Quarter 2016 Financial Results

Conference Call and Webcast to Follow

VANCOUVER, British Columbia and DOYLESTOWN, Pa., April 29, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbutus Biopharma Corporation (Nasdaq:ABUS), an industry-leading Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) therapeutic solutions company, today announced that it will hold a conference call and webcast on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time (4:30 p.m. Eastern Time) to provide a corporate update and first quarter financial results.

#### **Conference Call and Webcast Information**

Arbutus will hold a conference call and webcast on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time (4:30 p.m. Eastern Time) to provide a corporate update and report its first quarter 2016 financial results. A live webcast of the call can be accessed through the Investor section of Arbutus' website at www.arbutusbio.com. Or, alternatively, to access the conference call, please dial 1-914-495-8556 or 1-866-393-1607.

An archived webcast will be available on the Arbutus website after the event. Alternatively, you may access a replay of the conference call by calling 1-404-537-3406 or 1-855-859-2056 and referencing conference ID 2861586.

#### **About Arbutus**

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering, developing and commercializing a cure for patients suffering from chronic HBV infection. Arbutus is headquartered in Vancouver, BC, Canada with offices in Doylestown, PA, USA. For more information, visit www.arbutusbio.com.

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