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): April 27, 2016

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-34949 (Commission File Number) 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)

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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 27, 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 27, 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 27, 2016

By: <u>/s/ Bruce G. Cousins</u> Name: Bruce G. Cousins Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Arbutus to Participate in Upcoming Investor Conferences

VANCOUVER, British Columbia and DOYLESTOWN, Pa., April 27, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbutus Biopharma Corporation (Nasdaq:ABUS), an industry-leading Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) therapeutic solutions company, today announced that the company will be participating in the following upcoming investor conferences.

- Bloom Burton & Co. Healthcare Investor Conference, May 2-3, 2016, Toronto
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2016 Health Care Conference, May 10-12, 2016, Las Vegas

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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