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

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**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): February 9, 2017

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 9, 2017, 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 February 9, 2017

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**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: February 9, 2017

By: /s/ Bruce G. Cousins

Bruce G. Cousins

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## Arbutus to Participate in Upcoming Investor Conferences

VANCOUVER, British Columbia and DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Feb. 09, 2017 (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 upcoming investor conferences.

- LEERINK Partners 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Healthcare Conference, February 15-16, 2017, New York
- 2017 Disruptive Growth & Healthcare Conference, February 15, 2017, New York
- RBC Capital Markets 2017 Global Healthcare Conference, February 22-23, 2017, New York

Arbutus' President and CEO, Dr. Mark J. Murray, will participate in a fireside chat at the LEERINK conference on February 16, 2017. A simultaneous webcast can be accessed by visiting the Investor sections of [www.arbutusbio.com](http://www.arbutusbio.com) and selecting Events and Presentations. Replays will be available on the Arbutus website following the event.

### 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 facilities in Doylestown, PA, USA. For more information, visit [www.arbutusbio.com](http://www.arbutusbio.com).

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