

**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) **August 3, 2015**

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

British Columbia, Canada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34949
(Commission File Number)

980597776
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**100-8900 Glenlyon Parkway
Burnaby, British Columbia
Canada**
(Address of principal executive offices)

V5J 5J8
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(604) 419-3200**

(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))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 3, 2015 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.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
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99.1	Press release dated August 3, 2015
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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

(Registrant)

August 3, 2015

(Date)

/s/ BRUCE G. COUSINS

Bruce G. Cousins
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Arbutus Biopharma (NASDAQ: ABUS) Finalizes Corporate Name Change From Tekmira Pharmaceuticals

VANCOUVER, British Columbia and DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Aug. 3, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbutus Biopharma Corporation (NASDAQ:ABUS) today announced finalization of its corporate name change from Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corporation (NASDAQ:TKMR). Arbutus Biopharma ("Arbutus") is an industry-leading therapeutic solutions company focused on developing a cure for chronic hepatitis B virus infection (HBV). Arbutus will begin trading under the new ticker symbol ABUS on the NASDAQ today. The company has also received a new CUSIP number (03879J100) for its common stock.

NASDAQ Bell Ringing

Arbutus management will be ringing the opening bell at the NASDAQ MarketSite on Monday, August 3, 2015. A webcast of the Nasdaq Opening Bell will be available at:

<https://new.livestream.com/nasdaq/live>, or <http://www.nasdaq.com/marketsite/marketsite-events.aspx>.

About Arbutus

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering, developing and commercializing a cure for patients suffering from chronic hepatitis B infection (HBV). Our strategy is to target the three pillars necessary to develop a curative regimen for HBV: suppressing HBV replication within liver cells, stimulating and reactivating the body's immune system so that it can mount an effective defense against the virus and, eliminating the reservoir of viral genomic material known as covalently closed circular DNA, or cccDNA that is the source of HBV persistence. Our portfolio of assets includes a broad pipeline of drug candidates for use in combination to develop a cure for HBV. To support continuous discovery of potential novel drug candidates and technologies, Arbutus has a research collaboration agreement with the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute that provides exclusive rights to in-license any intellectual property generated through the relationship. The Baruch S. Blumberg Institute was established in 2003 by the Hepatitis B Foundation.

Arbutus is headquartered in Vancouver, BC, Canada with offices in Doylestown, PA, USA. For more information, visit www.arbutusbio.com.

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