# 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): February 11, 2009

# **Arrowhead Research Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-21898 (Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

46-0408024 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

201 South Lake Avenue, Suite 703, Pasadena, CA 91101 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (626) 304-3400

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

#### Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing

On March 5, 2009, Arrowhead Research Corporation (the "Company") was notified by the NASDAQ Stock Market that its application to transfer the listing of the Company's common stock from the NASDAQ Global Market to the NASDAQ Capital Market was approved. The Company's common stock will continue to trade under the ticker symbol "ARWR" and will begin trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market on Monday, March 9, 2009.

On March 6, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing the transfer. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number Description

99.1

Press Release dated March 6, 2009.

# 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 9, 2009

# ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ PAUL C. MCDONNEL

Paul C. McDonnel Chief Financial Officer



PRESS RELEASE March 6, 2009 7:00 A.M. ET Contact: Christopher Anzalone President & CEO 626-304-3400 <u>ir@arrowres.com</u>

# Arrowhead to Transfer to The NASDAQ Capital Market

PASADENA, Calif.—Arrowhead Research Corporation (NASDAQ: ARWR) announced today that its application to transfer the listing of its common stock from The NASDAQ Global Market to The NASDAQ Capital Market has been approved. The transfer will be effective at the opening of business on Monday, March 9, 2009 and the Company's common stock will continue to trade under the symbol "ARWR".

"Our transfer to the Capital Market continues our NASDAQ listing status, allowing our investors to continue to benefit from the liquidity provided by the NASDAQ Stock Market and also maintaining our visibility to the investment community," stated Dr. Christopher Anzalone, Arrowhead's President and CEO. "It is an unfortunate byproduct of the current economic environment that many companies our size can no longer satisfy the requirements to maintain their NASDAQ Global Market listing, however, the transfer allows us to continue to execute on our business plan and capitalize on the market opportunity for nanotechnology."

The NASDAQ Capital Market is a tier of the NASDAQ Stock Market for companies with a lower market capitalization requirement than the Global Market tier. It is a continuous trading market that operates in the same manner as The NASDAQ Global Market and currently lists the securities of approximately 470 companies. All companies listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market must meet certain financial requirements and adhere to NASDAQ's corporate governance standards.

As previously disclosed on February 11, 2009, Arrowhead received notice from the NASDAQ Stock Market that it had determined that the Company does not currently meet the minimum \$10,000,000 in stockholder equity required for continued listing for NASDAQ Global Market. While the NASDAQ Stock Market has offered the Company the opportunity to submit a plan for regaining compliance with this requirement, the Company determined to proceed with a transfer of its listing to The NASDAQ Capital Market to maintain an orderly market in its common stock through the current global economic crisis. The stockholder equity requirement for The NASDAQ Capital Market is \$2,500,000.

# About Arrowhead Research Corporation

Arrowhead Research Corporation (<u>www.arrowheadresearch.com</u>) (NASDAQ: ARWR) is a nanotechnology company commercializing new technologies in the areas of life sciences, electronics, and energy. Arrowhead is seeking to build value for shareholders through the progress of majority owned subsidiaries. Currently, Arrowhead has four subsidiaries commercializing nanotech products and applications and minority investments in two privately held nanobiotech companies.

#### Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon our current expectations and speak only as of the date hereof. Our actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors and uncertainties. For example, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain our listing on any NASDAQ market, that our financial initiatives will succeed in strengthening our balance sheet or that we will be able to continue to operate as a going concern. Arrowhead Research Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K and 10-K/A, recent and forthcoming Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and 10-Q/A, recent Current Reports on Forms 8-K and 8-K/A, our Registration Statements on Form S-3, and other SEC filings discuss these and other important risk factors that may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. We disclaim any intent to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements.

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