

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: May 12, 2016

VISUALANT, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-25541

(Commission File No.)

90-0273142

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

500 Union Street, Suite 420
Seattle, Washington 98101
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(Address of Registrant's principal executive office and telephone number)

Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Issuance of Tenth Patent on its ChromaID™ technology

On May 12, 2016, Visualant, Incorporated (the “Company”), a provider of disruptive light-based technologies, announced that it had received its tenth patent relating to its ChromaID™ technology.

The newly issued patent describes an enhancement of the foundational ChromaID technology through its unique use of an array of variable wavelength LED emitters and photodiode detectors to measure the scattering of electromagnetic energy from a solid, fluid or a gas.

Visualant ChromaID is an identification, authentication and diagnostic platform technology that provides for a wide variety of real-time and real world applications. They include, but are not limited to:

- Determining if water is potable
- Detecting explosive residue
- Authenticating driver’s licenses, passports and access control cards
- Detecting illegal drugs
- Grading and certifying diamonds and other gem stones
- Checking for counterfeit fluids including olive oil, wine and spirits
- Confirming that the correct fluid is flowing through the IV drip line
- Determining the butterfat content of milk

The patent issued by the United States Office of Patents and Trademarks is US Patent No. 9,316,581 B2 and is entitled “Method, Apparatus, and Article to Facilitate Evaluation of Substances Using Electromagnetic Energy.”

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits –

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<u>Press Release of Visualant, Inc. dated May 12, 2016 related to the ninth patent award for the ChromaID™ technology.</u>

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: VISUALANT, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Ronald P. Erickson
Ronald P. Erickson CEO

May 12, 2016



Visualant Granted Tenth Patent

Continued Expansion of the ChromaID Intellectual Property Portfolio

Seattle, WA. – (May 12, 2016) Visualant, Inc. (OTCQB: VSUL) – an industry-leading provider of chromatic-based identification, authentication and diagnostic solutions, announced today that it has received its tenth patent relating to its ChromaID™ technology.

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This newly issued patent continues the growth of the Visualant intellectual property portfolio. The Company continues to have a significant number of pending patents and aggressively works to expand the reach of its technology. Visualant's ChromaID technology was invented when Dr. Thomas Furness, known as the "Father of Virtual Reality," and a professor at the University of Washington, recognized that most materials in nature exhibit a unique light signature when stimulated by visible and invisible structured coherent light sources.

About Visualant, Inc.

Visualant™ is a public company whose shares trade under the stock symbol "VSUL." The Visualant Spectral Pattern Matching™ (SPM) technology directs structured light onto a substance or material, through a liquid or gas, or off a surface, to capture a unique ChromaID™. A ChromaID can be used to identify, detect, or diagnose markers invisible to the human eye. ChromaID scanner modules can be integrated into a variety of mobile or fixed-mount form factors. The patented, award-winning technology is disruptive, making it possible to effectively conduct analyses in the field that could only previously be performed by large and expensive lab-based tests. For more information on Visualant, visit the company's website at www.visualant.net.

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