

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 10, 2008

## UNITED STATES

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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### 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) **October 10, 2008**

### ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-50697**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-1089684**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**280 Park Avenue, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Building East, New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10017**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(212) 750-7300**

**N/A**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On October 10, 2008, the registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Description                           |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release, dated October 10, 2008 |

**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.

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

Date: October 10, 2008

|        |                         |
|--------|-------------------------|
| By:    | /s/ Richard S. Davis    |
| Name:  | Richard S. Davis        |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
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