

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
March 17, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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) **March 12, 2011**

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.)

245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, NY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10167
(Zip Code)

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

N/A

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

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) Departure of Directors.

On March 12, 2011 Douglas E. Coltharp notified Ares Capital Corporation (the Company) that he would not stand for reelection as a director of the Company when his current term expires at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting). Mr. Coltharp is expected to continue to serve the remainder of his term until the date of the Annual Meeting. Mr. Coltharp has served on the Company's Board of Directors (the Board) since its initial public offering in 2004 and currently serves as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board. Mr. Coltharp's decision to resign was based on the demands on his time from other professional commitments, and not the result of any disagreement relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

The Company appreciates and thanks Mr. Coltharp for his service and commitment as a director and will continue to benefit from his perspectives and insights as a director and committee member until his term expires at the Annual Meeting.

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: March 17, 2011

By:	/s/ Penni F. Roll
Name:	Penni F. Roll
Title:	Chief Financial Officer