

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 30, 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) **May 30, 2008**

**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Maryland</b>		<b>000-50697</b>	<b>33-1089684</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)		(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>280 Park Avenue, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Building East, New York, NY</b>			<b>10017</b>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)			(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 May 30, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and by this reference incorporated 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 as of May 30, 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: May 30, 2008

By: /s/ Richard S. Davis

Name: Richard S. Davis  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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