

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
March 23, 2005

**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 23, 2005**

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.)

780 Third Avenue, 46th Floor, 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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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 23, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and by this reference incorporated herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release

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 23, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel F. Nguyen
Name: Daniel F. Nguyen
Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release