

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
February 25, 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) **February 25, 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**

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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 5.03.

Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

Effective as of February 25, 2011, Ares Capital Corporation (the Company) amended its charter to increase the number of shares of common stock the Company is authorized to issue from 300,000,000 to 400,000,000 shares of common stock. The Company effected the increase by filing Articles of Amendment (the Amendment) with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

Descriptions of the Amendment in this current report are qualified in their entirety by reference to a copy of such document that is filed as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this Report:

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Articles of Amendment

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: February 25, 2011

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

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