

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2009

**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) **January 21, 2009**

**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, 22nd Floor, Building East, New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10017**  
(Zip Code)

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

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N/A

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

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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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 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On January 21, 2009, Ares Capital Corporation (the Company) received a new \$15 million commitment (none of which has been drawn) from City National Bank under its current revolving credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and each of the other lenders party thereto (the Commitment). The Company issued a press release on January 26, 2009 announcing the Commitment, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and by this reference incorporated herein.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 26, 2009, the Company 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:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated as of January 26, 2009

**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: January 26, 2009

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

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