

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
July 24, 2008

**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) **July 22, 2008**

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Maryland | 000-50697 | 33-1089684 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

280 Park Avenue, 22nd Floor, Building East, New York, NY 10017
(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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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. **Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On July 22, 2008, Ares Capital Corporation (ARCC) and Ares Capital CP Funding LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ARCC (Ares Capital CP), entered into an amendment to their financing facility (the Amendment) with Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC and each of the other parties thereto. The Amendment, among other things, extended the expiration date of the financing facility from October 8, 2008 to July 21, 2009, decreased the availability and advance rates applicable to certain types of eligible loans, and made certain provisions of the financing facility more restrictive.

In connection with the Amendment, ARCC and Ares Capital CP also agreed to increase the commitment fee for unused portions of the facility from 0.125% to 0.50% and increase the interest rate payable on funding from the commercial paper rate plus 100 basis points to the commercial paper, eurodollar or adjusted eurodollar rate, as applicable, plus 250 basis points. Ares Capital also paid a renewal fee of \$2.75 million, or 0.786%. Borrowings under the facility are subject to the leverage restrictions contained in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

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 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01. **Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On July 24, 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 |
|-----------------------|---|
| 10.1 | Amendment No. 10 to Sale and Servicing Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2008, by and among Ares Capital CP Funding LLC, Ares Capital Corporation, each of the conduit purchasers and institutional purchasers from time to time party thereto, each of the purchaser agents from time to time party thereto, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as administrative agent and purchaser agent with respect to Variable Funding Capital Company LLC as conduit purchaser, U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, and Lyon Financial Services, Inc. (D/B/A U.S. Bank Portfolio Services), as the backup servicer. |

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99.1 Press Release, dated as of July 24, 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: July 24, 2008

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

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