

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
April 23, 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) **April 23, 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.) |

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| 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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 - 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 April 23, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated April 23, 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: April 23, 2008

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

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