ARES CAPITAL CORP Form 8-K February 12, 2009

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 12, 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

N/A

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

	neck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of e following provisions (<i>see</i> General Instruction A.2. below):
О	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
О	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
О	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
O	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item	7.01	Regulation	FD	Disclosure

On February 12, 2009, 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 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

99.1 Press Release, dated February 12, 2009

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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 12, 2009

By: /s/ Michael D. Weiner

Name: Michael D. Weiner

Title: Vice President and General Counsel

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