BARTLETT STEVE

Form 4

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BARTLETT STEVE**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARES CAPITAL CORP [ARCC]

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2012

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Officer (give title below)

245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH **FLOOR**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Issuer

NEW YORK, NY 10167

(City) (State) (Zip)

12/20/2012

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Amount (D) Code

100

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price

Reported

Common Stock

 $P^{(1)}$

2,100 17.48

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BARTLETT STEVE 245 PARK AVENUE 44TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10167	X							

Signatures

/s/ Monica Shilling, by power of attorney 12/21/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The purchase reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 30, 2012.

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