

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 23, 2010

**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) **December 22, 2010**

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)

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 22, 2010, the Registrant appointed Penelope (Penni) F. Roll, 45, as the Registrant's Chief Financial Officer, replacing Richard S. Davis. Since April 2010 Ms. Roll has served as the Executive Vice President-Finance of the Registrant's investment adviser, Ares Capital Management LLC, to whom the Registrant pays management and incentive fees and reimburses for certain expenses it incurs. Prior to April 2010, Ms. Roll served as the Chief Financial Officer of Allied Capital Corporation (Allied). Prior to joining Allied, Ms. Roll was employed by KPMG LLP in the firm's financial services practice.

On December 22, 2010, the Registrant issued a press release announcing Ms. Roll's appointment as the new Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated as of December 22, 2010

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: December 22, 2010

By:	/s/ Joshua M. Bloomstein
Name:	Joshua M. Bloomstein
Title:	General Counsel, Vice President and Secretary

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