

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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*On May 20, 2011, Ares Capital Corporation sent the following communication to certain of its stockholders.*

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT**

**PLEASE VOTE TODAY**

May 20, 2011

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We have previously mailed to you proxy materials in connection with the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ares Capital Corporation (the Company) to be held on Monday, June 6, 2011. **Your vote is extremely important and your participation is requested for this important meeting.**

Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** all director nominees in Proposal 1 and **FOR** Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**Please submit your instructions as soon as possible, by voting by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating, marking and returning the voting instruction form in the postage-paid return envelope provided.** Instructions explaining how to vote by mail, telephone or via Internet are included in the box below or in your voting instruction form (enclosed herewith).

On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Bennett Rosenthal  
Chairman

**3 EASY WAYS TO VOTE**

Help your Company avoid the expense of further solicitation by voting today. You may use one of the following simple methods to vote your shares:

1. **Vote by Telephone.** Call **(800) 454-8683**. Have your control number (listed on the form) ready and follow the simple instructions.

2. **Vote by Internet.** Go to **www.proxyvote.com**. Have your control number (listed on the form) ready and follow the simple instructions.

3. **Vote by Mail.** Mark, sign, date and return your voting instruction form in the postage-paid return envelope provided.