

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.
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Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of report: June 30, 2016

APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction	001-34452 (Commission	27-0467113 (IRS Employer
of Incorporation or Organization)	File Number) c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC	Identification No.)

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9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor

New York, NY 10019

(Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 515-3200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))

Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Amendment to Merger Agreement

On June 30, 2016, Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the Company), Apollo Residential Mortgage Inc., a Maryland corporation (AMTG), and Arrow Merger Sub, Inc., a Maryland corporation (Merger Sub), entered into Amendment No. 1 (the Amendment) to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 26, 2016, by and among the Company, AMTG and Merger Sub (the Merger Agreement).

Based on the status of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement and the currently anticipated timing to closing, the parties have determined that it is in their best interests and the best interests of their respective stockholders to extend the Termination Date (as defined in the Merger Agreement) from 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) on August 26, 2016 (as such date could be extended in certain circumstances) to 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 9, 2016.

The parties are in the process of implementing the pricing mechanism contemplated by the Merger Agreement and consummation of the transaction remains subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement by AMTG shareholders. The parties continue to expect closing to occur in the third quarter of 2016.

The foregoing description of the Amendment and the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1, and to the full text of the Merger Agreement, a copy of which was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 26, 2016.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No	Description
2.1	Amendment No. 1, dated as of June 30, 2016, to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 26, 2016, by and among Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc., Arrow Merger Sub, Inc. and Apollo Residential Mortgage, Inc.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 8-K contains, and other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of the Company may include, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In addition, we or our executive officers on our behalf, may from time to time make forward-looking statements in reports and other documents that are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or in connection with oral statements made to the press, potential investors or others. Specifically, forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements relating to our future economic performance, business prospects, revenue, income, and financial condition; and statements preceded by, followed by, or that include the words expects, believes, intends, will, anticipates, and similar terms that relate to future events, performance, or our results. Examples of forward-looking statements in

this press release include, but are not limited to, statements about the price, terms and closing date of the proposed transaction and statements regarding stockholder and regulatory approvals. Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, expectations, or outcomes to differ materially from our historical experience as well as management's present expectations or projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: (i) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; (ii) the inability to complete the proposed merger due to the failure of AMTG to obtain AMTG Requisite Vote or the failure to satisfy other conditions of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement within the proposed timeframe or at all; (iii) the failure to obtain the necessary financing arrangements as set forth in the debt commitment letter entered into in connection with the Merger Agreement; (iv) risks related to disruption of management's attention from the Company's ongoing business operations due to the transaction; (v) the outcome of any legal proceedings, regulatory proceedings or enforcement matters that may be instituted against the Company and others relating to the Merger Agreement; (vi) the risk that the pendency of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement disrupts current plans and operations and the potential difficulties in retention of our manager's employees as a result of the pendency of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement; (vii) the effect of the announcement of the proposed transaction on the Company's operating results and business generally; and (viii) the amount of the costs, fees, expenses and charges related to the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements. Additional factors that may cause results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements are set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2016, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2016 which was filed with the SEC on April 27, 2016 and other filings with the SEC, which are available at www.sec.gov. The forward-looking statements represent the Company's views as of the date on which such statements were made and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of the Company may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of AMTG in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Information regarding the interests of the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the stockholders of AMTG in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, which may be different than those of AMTG's stockholders generally, will be set forth in the proxy statement and the other relevant documents to be filed by AMTG with the SEC. Stockholders can find information about the Company and its directors and executive officers and their ownership of the Company's common stock in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and in its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2016 annual meeting of stockholders filed with the SEC on April 1, 2016. Additional information regarding the interests of such individuals in the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will be included in the proxy statement relating to the merger when it is filed with the SEC. These documents may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and the Company's website at www.apolloreit.com.

Important Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, the Company has filed a preliminary registration statement on Form S-4 that will serve as a prospectus for the Company shares to be issued as consideration in the proposed transaction and includes a proxy statement of AMTG. The registration statement has not yet become effective and the Company intends to update the registration statement before it becomes effective. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, STOCKHOLDERS OF AMTG ARE URGED TO READ THE PROSPECTUS AND PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THESE MATERIALS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT AMTG, THE COMPANY AND THE**

PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Following the registration statement having been declared effective by the SEC, these materials will be made available to the stockholders of AMTG at no expense to them and are expected to be mailed to

stockholders. When available after filing, the prospectus and proxy statement and other relevant information may be obtained without charge from the website of the SEC at www.SEC.gov. Copies of the documents filed by the Company with the SEC are available free of charge on the Company's website at www.apolloreit.com, and copies of the documents filed by AMTG with the SEC are also available free of charge on AMTG's website at www.apolloresidentialmortgage.com.

This document is for informational purposes only and shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. This document is not a substitute for the prospectus or any other document that ARI may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. No offering of securities shall be made, except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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.

APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

FINANCE, INC.

Date: June 30, 2016

By: /s/ Jai Agarwal
Jai Agarwal
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary