

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2006

**United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission**

Washington, DC 20549

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**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 19, 2006**

**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**333-134077**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-1089684**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**280 Park Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10017**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(212) 750-7300**

**N/A**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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**

Ares Capital Corporation completed its underwritten public offering of 2,730,000 shares of its common stock on December 19, 2006, raising approximately \$ 49.7 million in net proceeds after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated acted as the underwriter.

The Company expects to use the net proceeds to repay outstanding indebtedness and for general corporate purposes.

**Item 9.01.**    **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)            Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
Not Applicable	

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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: December 19, 2006

By: /s/ Daniel F. Nguyen

Name: Daniel F. Nguyen  
Title: Chief Financial Officer