

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
January 23, 2017

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): **January 23, 2017**

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

814-00663
(Commission
File Number)

33-1089684
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, NY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10167
(Zip Code)

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

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(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):

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 23, 2017, Ares Capital Corporation (the Company) announced that it plans to make a private offering of \$250 million aggregate principal amount of its Convertible Notes due 2022 (the Convertible Notes). In connection with the private offering of the Convertible Notes, the Company intends to disclose certain information to potential investors. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 are excerpts from a confidential preliminary offering memorandum containing certain of such information, some of which has not been previously reported.

In addition, on January 23, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that it plans to make a private offering of \$250 million aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes. The Company also plans to grant the initial purchasers an option to purchase up to an additional \$37.5 million principal amount of the Convertible Notes. The Company expects to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay certain outstanding indebtedness under its debt facilities. The Company may reborrow under its debt facilities for general corporate purposes, which include investing in portfolio companies in accordance with its investment objective. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Neither the Convertible Notes nor the common stock that may be issued upon conversion thereof will be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended, the Securities Act). Neither the Convertible Notes nor the common stock that may be issued upon conversion thereof may be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. The furnishing of this information pursuant to Item 7.01 shall not be deemed an admission by the Company as to the materiality of such information.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Regulation FD Disclosure. |
| 99.2 | Press Release, dated January 23, 2017. |

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: January 23, 2017

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| By: | /s/ Penni F. Roll |
| Name: | Penni F. Roll |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

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