

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2005

**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) **March 23, 2005**

**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.)

**780 Third Avenue, 46<sup>th</sup> Floor, 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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  - 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 March 23, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and by this reference incorporated herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release

**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: March 23, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel F. Nguyen  
Name: Daniel F. Nguyen  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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