Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp Form 8-K October 03, 2016

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): September 30, 2016

#### ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland 001-35517 45-3148087 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

245 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10167 (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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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.

On October 3, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of the previously announced sale of its mortgage banking business to Barings Real Estate Advisers LLC (formerly known as Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers LLC), included herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and by this reference incorporated herein.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation issued October 3, 2010

### **SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: October 3, 2016

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Anton Feingold Name: Anton Feingold

Title: Vice President and Secretary

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