

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 14, 2009

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**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) **August 14, 2009**

**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**280 Park Avenue, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Building East, New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**000-50697**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-1089684**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)  
**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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### *Item 8.01 Other Events*

On March 25, 2009, the registrant filed a global shelf registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-158211) (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The Commission declared the Registration Statement effective on June 26, 2009. On August 14, 2009, the registrant filed with the Commission a Preliminary Prospectus Supplement to the Registration Statement (the "Preliminary Prospectus Supplement") pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act of 1933, relating to an offering of shares of common stock. The Preliminary Prospectus Supplement is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and by this reference incorporated herein.

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

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Exhibits:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated as of August 14, 2009

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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.

Date: August 14, 2009

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard S. Davis

Name: Richard S. Davis  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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