

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form 8-K
June 19, 2012

**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) **June 19, 2012**

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-35517
(Commission
File Number)

45-3148087
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Two North LaSalle Street, Suite 925, Chicago, IL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60602
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(312) 324-5900**

N/A

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

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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))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 19, 2012, the registrant issued a press release, included herewith as Exhibit 99.1, announcing the declaration of a dividend of \$0.06 per share for the quarter ending June 30, 2012. The dividend is payable on Thursday, July 12, 2012 to stockholders of record as of Friday, June 29, 2012.

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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release, dated June 19, 2012.

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: June 19, 2012

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard S. Davis
Richard S. Davis
Chief Financial Officer

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