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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-2

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

280 Park Avenue, 22nd Floor Building East New York, New York 10017

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (212) 750-7300

Michael D. Weiner c/o Ares Management LLC 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1900 Los Angeles, CA 90067 (310) 201-4200

(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

Copies of information to:

Michael A. Woronoff Monica J. Shilling Proskauer Rose LLP 2049 Century Park East, 32nd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067-3206 (310) 557-2900

Approximate Date of Proposed Public Offering: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a distribution reinvestment plan, check the following box. ý

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

o $\mbox{ when declared effective pursuant to section } 8(c).$

If appropriate, check the following box:

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This [post-effective amendment] designates a new effective date for a previously filed [post-effective amendment] [registration statement].

This form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act and the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering is 333-134077.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share			\$4,595,412.40	\$492.00

(1) Includes the underwriters' overallotment option.

(2) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457 solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR UNTIL THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

Incorporation Of Certain Information By Reference

This Registration Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 by Ares Capital Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the contents of the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-134077), including the exhibits thereto, which was declared effective on June 23, 2006 (the "Prior Registration Statement") and includes the registration statement facing page, the signature pages, an exhibit index, a legal opinion and an accountant's consent.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Los Angeles, in the State of California, on the 5th day of February, 2007.

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

By:	

/s/ MICHAEL J. AROUGHETI

Michael J. Arougheti

President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on February 5, 2007. This document may be executed by the signatories hereto on any number of counterparts, all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

SIGNATURE	TITLE
/s/ MICHAEL J. AROUGHETI	President (principal executive officer)
Michael J. Arougheti	(principal executive officer)
*	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)
Daniel F. Nguyen	(principal finalicial officer)
*	Director
Douglas E. Coltharp	
*	Director
Frank E. O'Bryan	
*	Director
Robert L. Rosen	
*	Chairman and Director
Bennett Rosenthal	
*	Director
Eric B. Siegel	
By: /s/ DANIEL F. NGUYEN	_
Daniel F. Nguyen Attorney-in-fact	

EXHIBIT INDEX

- (l) Opinion and Consent of Venable LLP, special Maryland counsel for Registrant
- (n) Consent of independent registered public accounting firm for Registrant

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