

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 2007

**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 8, 2007**

**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.)

**280 Park Avenue, 22nd 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 8, 2007, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2006. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On March 8, 2007, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and by this reference incorporated herein, on March 8, 2007 announcing the declaration of a first quarter dividend of \$0.41 per share. The dividend is payable on March 30, 2007 to stockholders of record as of March 19, 2007.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release, dated as of March 8, 2007
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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.

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

Date: March 8, 2007

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