ARES CAPITAL CORP Form 8-K August 09, 2006

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) August 9, 2006

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 10017

(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):

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- 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 9, 2006, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and by this reference incorporated herein, on August 9, 2006 announcing the declaration of a third quarter dividend of \$0.40 per share. The record date for the dividend is September 15, 2006 and it will be paid on September 30, 2006.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number Description 99.1

Press Release, dated as of August 9, 2006

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: August 9, 2006

By: /s/Daniel F. Nguyen

Name: Daniel F. Nguyen Title: Chief Financial Officer

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