

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report: **September 13, 2006**

**Willis Lease Finance Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**0-28774**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**68-0070656**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**2320 Marinship Way, Suite 300  
Sausalito, California 94965**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 275-5100**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(b) Donald A. Nunemaker, our former Chief Operating Officer, has been elected Executive Vice President - General Manager of Leasing effective September 13, 2006.

(c) Lee G. Beaumont has been elected Chief Operating Officer of the Company, succeeding Mr. Nunemaker, effective September 13, 2006. Mr. Beaumont, age 48, has been our Executive Vice President for Strategy and Business Development since May 22, 2006. Mr. Beaumont was a consultant for two years before joining the Company. Prior to his consulting assignment, he was with Standard Aero Limited for 17 years, including four years as President of its U.S. division. We are in the process of negotiating an employment agreement with Mr. Beaumont.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits**

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The Company hereby furnishes the following exhibit with this report:

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release issued September 13, 2006

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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.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE  
CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert M. Warwick  
Robert M. Warwick  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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