

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 05, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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): September 27, 2012

**Willis Lease Finance Corp.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)      **001-15369** (Commission File Number)      **68-0070656** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215**  
**Novato, California 94998**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 408-4700**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 27, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a plan to repurchase up to 100 million of the Company's common stock over the next five years. This plan extends the previous plan, authorized on December 8, 2009, and increases the number of shares which may be repurchased up to 100 million. A copy of the press release announcing the share repurchase plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued October 5, 2012

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SIGNATURE

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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: October 5, 2012

Willis Lease Finance Corp.

By: /s/ THOMAS C. NORD  
Thomas C. Nord  
Senior Vice President