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 1, 2005**

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland	**000-50697**	**33-1089684**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

780 Third Avenue, 46 th 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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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The following press release was issued by Ares Capital Corporation on August 1, 2005:

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION
SCHEDULES SECOND FISCAL QUARTER EARNINGS RELEASE;
CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULED

New York, NY – August 1, 2005 – Ares Capital Corporation (NASDAQ: ARCC) announced today that it will report second fiscal quarter earnings for the period ended June 30, 2005 on Monday, August 8, 2005 after the close of the financial markets.

Ares Capital Corporation invites all interested persons to attend its conference call at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 to discuss its second fiscal quarter financial results. You can access the conference call by dialing (800) 621-5346 approximately 5-10 minutes prior to the call. International callers should dial (212) 748-2800. All callers should reference "Ares Capital Corporation." For the convenience of our stockholders, an archived replay of the call will be available through August 23, 2005 by calling (800) 633-8625. International callers please dial (402) 977-9141. For all replays, please reference pin # 21256412.

About Ares Capital Corporation

Ares Capital Corporation is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that is regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Its investment objectives are to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. Ares Capital Corporation invests primarily in first and second lien senior loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases may include an equity component, and, to a lesser extent, in equity investments in private middle market companies.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included herein may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statements made herein.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits .

(c)　　　Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description

Not Applicable

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 1, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel F. Nguyen
Name: Daniel F. Nguyen
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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