

FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
deVeer R. Kipp	ARES CAPITAL CORP [ARCC]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR	12/31/2015	Chief Executive Officer
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK, NY 10167		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Form Filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	8/19/2015		P4	23988 A \$15.96 (1)	130000	D	
Common Stock	8/20/2015		P4	5000 A \$15.77 (2)	135000	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.94 to \$15.97, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ares Capital Corporation, any security holder of Ares Capital Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 5.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.76 to \$15.78, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ares Capital Corporation, any security holder of Ares Capital Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 5.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
deVeer R. Kipp 245 PARK AVENUE 44TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10167	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Monica Shilling, by power of attorney

2/5/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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