

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                        | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                         |
| <b>BARTLETT STEVE</b>  | <b>ARES CAPITAL CORP [ ARCC ]</b>                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                    |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| <b>C/O ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION, 245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR</b> | <b>1/20/2016</b>                                  |  |
| (Street)   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |
| <b>NEW YORK, NY 10167</b>  |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date   | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                                    |                  |                                   | Code                         | V  | Amount   | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| <b>Common Stock</b>                | <b>1/20/2016</b> |                                   | <b>P (U)</b>                 |  | <b>100</b>   | <b>A</b>   | <b>\$13.20</b>  |
|                                    |                  |                                   |                              |  | <b>5100</b>  | <b>D</b>   |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|   |  |                |                                   | Code                         | V   | (A)                                     | (D)  | Date Exercisable                              | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares                             |

#### Explanation of Responses:

(1) The purchase reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 3, 2015.

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>BARTLETT STEVE</b><br><b>C/O ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION</b><br><b>245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR</b><br><b>NEW YORK, NY 10167</b> | <b>X</b>      |           |         |       |

#### Signatures

/s/ **Monica Shilling, by power of attorney**

**1/21/2016**

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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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