

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 <sup>*</sup>             | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                                       |
| <b>SIEGEL ERIC B</b>                                             | <b>ARES CAPITAL CORP [ ARCC ]</b>                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span>                    |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span> |
| <b>C/O ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION, 245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR</b> | <b>9/12/2018</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   |                                                                                                  |                                                          |                                                       |  |
| Common Stock                                                                     | 9/12/2018      |                                   | P                            |   | 6000                                                                 | A          | \$17.30 | 36630                                                                                            | D                                                        |                                                       |  |
| Common Stock                                                                     | 9/12/2018      |                                   | P                            |   | 990                                                                  | A          | \$17.32 | 2072                                                                                             | I                                                        | By Child                                              |  |
| Common Stock                                                                     |                |                                   |                              |   |                                                                      |            |         | 8166                                                                                             | I                                                        | By Spouse                                             |  |

| 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) |
|                                                                                                                      |                                                        |                |                                   | Code                         | V |                                                                                           | (A)                                     | (D) | Date Exercisable                                                                     | Expiration Date |                                               |                                                                                                       |                                                                                  |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>SIEGEL ERIC B</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

9/13/2018

<sup>\*\*</sup>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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