

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>BARTLETT STEVE</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION, 245 PARK AVENUE, 44TH FLOOR</b><br>(Street)<br><b>NEW YORK, NY 10167</b><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>ARES CAPITAL CORP [ ARCC ]</b><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)<br><b>4/20/2016</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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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) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                |                                   | Code                      | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 4/20/2016      |                                   | P (U)                     |   | 200   | A  | \$15.05   |
|                                 |                |                                   |                           |   | 5600  | D  |   |

Table II - Derivative Securities 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 | 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (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  | 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 February 26, 2016.

#### Reporting Owners

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

#### Signatures

/s/ Monica Shilling, by power of attorney

4/21/2016

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).

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