

ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 8-K
February 23, 2005

**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) **February 23, 2005**

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Maryland | | 000-50697 | 33-1089684 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 780 Third Avenue, 46th 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)

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The Registrant issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and by this reference incorporated herein, on February 23, 2005 announcing the declaration of a first quarter dividend of \$0.30 per share. The record date for the dividend is March 7, 2005 and it will be paid on April 15, 2005.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated as of February 23, 2005. |

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: February 23, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel F. Nguyen

Name: Daniel F. Nguyen
Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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