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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 12, 2019

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland 814-00663 33-1089684 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10167 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 750-7300

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 12, 2019, the registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2018. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 12, 2019, the registrant issued a press release, included herewith as Exhibit 99.1, announcing the declaration of the following dividends: (i) a first quarter 2019 dividend of \$0.40 per share, payable on March 29, 2019 to stockholders of record as of March 15, 2019, (ii) an additional dividend of \$0.02 per share payable on March 29, 2019 to stockholders of record as of March 15, 2019, (iii) an additional dividend of \$0.02 per share payable on June 28, 2019 to stockholders of record as of June 14, 2019, (iv) an additional dividend of \$0.02 per share payable on September 30, 2019 to stockholders of record as of September 16, 2019 and (v) an additional dividend of \$0.02 per share payable on December 27, 2019 to stockholders of record as of December 16, 2019. Payment of the additional June 28, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 27, 2019 dividends are subject to the satisfaction of certain Maryland law requirements.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated February 12, 2019

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SIGNATURE

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 12, 2019

By: /s/ PENNI F. ROLL Name: Penni F. Roll

Title: Chief Financial Officer