

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form 8-K
June 21, 2013

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) **June 21, 2013**

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-35517
(Commission
File Number)

45-3148087
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One North Wacker Drive, 48th Floor, Chicago, IL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60606
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(312) 252-7500**

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 8.01 Other Events.

On June 21, 2013, Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has priced a public offering of 18,000,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$13.50 per share, raising gross proceeds of approximately \$243,000,000. The Company has also granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 2,700,000 shares of common stock. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information disclosed under this Item 8.01, 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. The furnishing of this information pursuant to Item 8.01 shall not be deemed an admission by the Company as to the materiality of such information.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated June 21, 2013. |

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.

Date: June 21, 2013

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Tae-Sik Yoon
Name: Tae-Sik Yoon
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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