

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: **June 1, 2011**

Willis Lease Finance Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-15369
(Commission File

Number)
773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215

68-0070656
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

Novato, California 94998

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 408-4700**

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- “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information and exhibit are furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure . This information shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On June 1, 2011, the Company issued a Press Release describing the Company's entry into a joint venture agreement with Mitsui & Co., Ltd. to acquire and lease IAE V2500-A5 and General Electric CF34-10E jet engines. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits

The Company hereby furnishes the following exhibit pursuant to Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure .

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release issued June 1, 2011 |

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.

Dated June 2, 2011

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas C. Nord
Thomas C. Nord
Senior Vice President and

General Counsel