

Schuster Todd
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Schuster Todd

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
 [ACRE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O ARES MANAGEMENT LLC, 2
 NORTH LASALLE STREET,
 SUITE 925

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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reported sale price of the Common Stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day; (3) if the Notes are called for redemption; or (4) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events. On or after June 15, 2015, the Notes may be converted at the holder's option until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding December 15, 2015, holders may convert their Notes at any time, regardless of the foregoing circumstances.

The Notes are convertible into cash, Common Stock, or a combination of cash and Common Stock at ACRE's election; provided that

- (5) ACRE has agreed that it will not elect to use a settlement method that results in it issuing more than 1,853,423 shares of Common Stock prior to obtaining stockholder approval in accordance with certain New York Stock Exchange requirements.

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