Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp Form 8-K January 31, 2014

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) January 31, 2014

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 31, 2014, ACRE Capital LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation, entered into a Seventh Amendment to Fifth Amended and Restated Mortgage Warehousing and Security Agreement, dated as of April 16, 2010, with Bank of America, N.A., as Credit Agent, and the lenders party thereto (as amended, the Bank of America Warehousing Agreement), pursuant to which Bank of America, among other things, consented to the extension of the maturity date of the committed warehouse line under the Bank of America Warehousing Agreement to April 1, 2014.

The foregoing description is only a summary of certain material provisions of the Seventh Amendment to the Bank of America Warehousing Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to a copy of such agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and by this reference incorporated herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits:

(d)

Exhibit Number

Exhibit Description

10.1 Seventh Amendment to Fifth Amended and Restated Mortgage Warehousing and Security Agreement, dated as of January 31, 2014, by and among ACRE Capital LLC, Bank of America, N.A., as Credit Agent, and the Lenders party thereto

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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.

Date: January 31, 2014

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By: Name: Title: /s/ Timothy B. Smith Timothy B. Smith Vice President

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