Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp Form 8-K March 17, 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) March 17, 2014

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in 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

(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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 17, 2014, the registrant issued a press release declaring its first quarter 2014 dividend and announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2013. 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 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits:

Press Release, dated March 17, 2014

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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.

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

Date: March 17, 2014

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

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