

**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 (Date of earliest event Reported): October 3, 2012

Willis Lease Finance Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-15369
(Commission File Number)

68-0070656
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215
Novato, California 94998**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 3, 2012, the Company issued a news release announcing the redemption of its Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued October 3, 2012

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: October 3, 2012

Willis Lease Finance Corp.

By: /s/ BRADLEY S. FORSYTH

Bradley S. Forsyth
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Willis Lease to Redeem Preferred Shares

NOVATO, Calif., Oct. 3, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Willis Lease Finance** Corporation (Nasdaq:WLFC), the premier lessor of commercial jet engines, today announced it will redeem all outstanding shares of its 9% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (Nasdaq:WLFCP) for cash, on November 2, 2012. The redemption price will be \$10.00 per Series A Share, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon.

"The equity capital provided by our preferred shareholders was a key component in our growth over the past six years, and we appreciate the support of these shareholders," said Charles F. Willis, CEO and Chairman. "With interest rates at historically low levels, along with the successful financings we completed in September, we are able to redeem our preferred shares."

Shareholders who hold their preferred shares in a brokerage account will have the redemption paid directly into that account. The 9% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock was issued February 7, 2006, with a redemption option at par on or after February 15, 2011.

Willis Lease Finance Corporation leases spare commercial aircraft engines and aircraft to commercial airlines, aircraft engine manufacturers, air cargo carriers and maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities worldwide. These leasing activities are integrated with the purchase and resale of used and refurbished commercial aircraft engines.

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