## 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: September 26, 2013

### Willis Lease Finance Corporation

(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:

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

### Item 8.01 Other Events.

The Company previously disclosed in its report on Form 10-Q filed on October 5, 2012 that on September 27, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a plan to repurchase up to \$100 million of the Company's common stock over the following five years. As a result of ongoing repurchases pursuant to that plan and other ordinary course issuances and repurchases of the Company's common stock, 8,527,323 shares of the Company's common stock were outstanding as of September 26, 2013.

### 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 September 30, 2013

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Bradley S. Forsyth</u> Bradley S. Forsyth Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer