
**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: April 4, 2016

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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

Company Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan

On April 1, 2016, the Company adopted a written trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), to facilitate the repurchase of shares of its common stock.

The Company’s Rule 10b5-1 trading plan provides its selected broker with the authority to repurchase shares of the Company’s common stock on the open market pursuant to the terms and limitations specified in the plan, including compliance with Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act. There can be no assurance that any shares will be repurchased by the Company either through its Rule 10b5-1 trading plan or otherwise.

The Company may suspend or terminate its Rule 10b5-1 trading plan at any time, so long as the suspension or termination is made in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions of Rule 10b-5 under the Exchange Act, or other applicable securities laws.

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 duly authorized officer.

Dated April 4, 2016

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Dean M. Poulakidas

Dean M. Poulakidas
Senior Vice President and
and General Counsel