

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 WEINER MICHAEL D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp [ACRE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice Pres. and General Counsel

C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP., ONE NORTH WACKER DRIVE, 48TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |

Common Stock

12/23/2013

J⁽¹⁾ 6,771 A \$ 0 6,771

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As Trustee of the Amended and Restated Weiner Living Trust, dated May 29, 2009

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Common Stock 11,111 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WEINER MICHAEL D C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP. ONE NORTH WACKER DRIVE, 48TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60606 | | | Vice Pres. and General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Monica J. Shilling, by power of attorney 12/24/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares were acquired as a result of pro rata in kind distributions made by Ares Investments Holdings LLC, Ares Investments LLC and Ares Partners Management Company LLC (collectively, the "Ares Entities") to their respective members for no additional consideration as described in the statement on Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Ares Entities with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on December 24, 2013.

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