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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Donohoe Bryan Patrick (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP., 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10167 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp [ACRE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/13/2023 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2023		A		59,000 (1)	A	\$0	216,282 (2)	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
						(A)	(D)		Title Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Granted under the Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2025, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer through the applicable vesting date.
- (2) Reported amount includes 168,666 restricted stock units granted under the Equity Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in installments in accordance with the applicable restricted stock unit award agreement.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Donohoe Bryan Patrick C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP. 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10167			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Anton Feingold, by power of attorney

12/14/2023

^{**}
Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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