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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person -	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
		(Check all applicable)				
Donohoe Bryan Patrick	Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp [					
	ACRE ]	Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
		Chief Executive Officer				
C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL	3/10/2020					
ESTATE CORP., 245 PARK AVENUE,						
42ND FLOOR						
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
NEW YORK, NY 10167		X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)		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	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed 3. Trans. Code		4. Securities Acquired (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6.	7. Nature	
(Instr. 3)		Execution	(Instr. 8)		or Disposed of (D)		)	Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership	of Indirect
		Date, if any			(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			(Instr. 3 and 4)	Form:	Beneficial
								Direct (D)	Ownership	
									or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
						(A) or			(I) (Instr.	
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price		4)	
Common Stock	3/10/2020		Р		3,509	Α	\$14.325	41,259 (1)	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	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. C (Instr. 8)				and Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned	Ownership of I Form of Ber Derivative Ow	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	

### **Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Reported amount reflects the amount held as of the date of the transaction which include 37,750 restricted stock units granted under the Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation Amended and Restated 2012 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						
		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	-				

4/4/2024 Date

#### Signatures

/s/ Anton Feingold, by power of attorney

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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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