FORM 4

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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	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.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)						X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer							
C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP., 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR					,	1/30/2024												
NEW YORK, NY 10167					4.	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(c	ity) (Stat	· · · · ·	.,	le I - N	on-De	erivat	ive Sec	urities A	Acqı	iired, Di	sposed	of, or l	Bene	eficially Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Date					2A. De Execut Date, it	ion ((Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			I	(Instr. 3 and 4) Forr					
								Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	:				(I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock				1/30/2	2024			S		18,868 (1)	D	\$10.3174	<u>(2)</u>			197,414 (3)	D	
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
Security (Instr. 3) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date Execution Date, if any		4. Tran (Instr. 8	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			ies :	5. Date Exer and Expirati Date Exercisable	Securi Deriva (Instr.	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Title Amount or Number of Shares		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents the number of shares of common stock sold by the reporting person to cover tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the common stock.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold on January 30, 2024 in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.20 to \$10.42, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation (the "Issuer"), any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote.
- (3) Includes 119,166 restricted stock units granted under the Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units vest in installments with the applicable restricted stock unit award agreement. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting.

Reporting Owners

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

NEW YORK, NY 10167		

Signatures

/s/ Anton Feingold, by power of attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

2/1/2024

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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