In the Matter of:

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION
ARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC
IVY HILL ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.
ARES CAPITAL CP FUNDING LLC
ARES CAPITAL JB FUNDING LLC
A.C. CORPORATION
ACE EQUITY HOLDCO (CAYMAN) LTD.
ACE II MASTER FUND L.P.
ACE III ACQUISITION L.P.
ACE III MASTER L.P.
ACF FINCO I LP
ACF GATEWAY LLC
ACOF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC
ACOF OPERATING MANAGER III, LLC
ACOF OPERATING MANAGER IV, LLC
ACRC LENDER C LLC
ACRC LENDER LLC
ACRC LENDER W LLC
AELIS IR PARTICIPATION LLC
AELIS X MANAGEMENT, L.P.
AEPEP II INVESTMENT S.A.R.L.
AEPEP II MASTER S.A.R.L.
AEPEP II N STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, L.P.
AF III CAYMAN AIV, L.P.
AF III US BD HOLDINGS L.P.
AF IV BD HOLDINGS (OFFSHORE) LTD.
AF IV US BD HOLDINGS II, L.P.
AF IV US BD HOLDINGS III, L.P.
AF IV US BD HOLDINGS IV, L.P.
AF IV US BD HOLDINGS V, L.P.
AF IV US BD HOLDINGS, L.P.
APOLLO EUROPEAN REAL ESTATE III (EU) COOPERATIEF U.A.
APOLLO EUROPEAN REAL ESTATE III COOPERATIEF U.A.
APSECURITIES LLC
APSECURITIES MANAGER LP
AREG AC MAKENA HOLDINGS LLC
AREG US FUND VIII BLOCKER LLC
AREG US FUND VIII HOLDINGS LLC
AREG US FUND VIII REIT LLC
ARES ASIP HOLDINGS CAYMAN, L.P.
ARES CACTUS OPERATING MANAGER, L.P.
ARES CACTUS PRIVATE ASSET BACKED FUND, L.P.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.R.L.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE II ASSETS S.A.R.L.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE II HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE II INVESTMENTS S.A.R.L.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE III HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE III INVESTMENTS S.A.R.L.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE LIMITED
ARES CAPITAL EUROPE, L.P.
ARES CAPITAL EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS LIMITED
ARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT II LLC
ARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT III LLC
ARES CCF HOLDINGS LTD.
ARES CCF HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.
ARES CENTRE STREET MANAGEMENT, L.P.
ARES CENTRE STREET PARTNERSHIP, L.P.
ARES CIP US REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY ADVISORS, L.P.
ARES CIP US REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY PARTNERS A, L.P.
ARES CIP US REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY PARTNERS B, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT II LLC
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT IIIR/IVR, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT LLC
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXIII, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXIX, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXVIII, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXVIII, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXX, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXXI, L.P.
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXXII, L.P.:
ARES CLO MANAGEMENT XXXIII, L.P.:
ARES COMMERCIAL FINANCE LP:
ARES COMMERCIAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT LP:
ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION:
ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT LLC:
ARES CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES:
  FUND III, L.P.:
ARES CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES:
  FUND IV, L.P.:
ARES CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES:
  FUND V, L.P.:
ARES CREDIT STRATEGIES:
  FEEDER III UK, L.P.:
ARES CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND I, L.P.:
ARES CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND II, L.P.:
ARES CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND III, L.P.:
ARES CSF HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.:
ARES CSF III INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC:
ARES CSF III LUXEMBOURG S.A.R.L.:
ARES CSF OPERATING MANAGER I, LLC:
ARES CSF OPERATING MANAGER II, LLC:
ARES CUSTOMIZED CREDIT FUND L.P.:
ARES ECSF II NORTH S.A.R.L.:
ARES ECSF II SOUTH S.A.R.L.:
ARES ECSF III (A) HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.:
ARES ECSF IV (M) HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.:
ARES ECSF V (G) HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.:
ARES EIF MANAGEMENT V L.P.:
ARES EIF MANAGEMENT, LLC:
ARES ENERGY INVESTORS FUND V, L.P.:
ARES ENHANCED CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:
  FUND B LTD.:
ARES ENHANCED CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:
  FUND II, LTD.:
ARES ENHANCED CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:
  INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT II, LLC:
ARES ENHANCED CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:
  MASTER FUND II, LTD.:
ARES ENHANCED LOAN INVESTMENT:
ARES SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENTS LLC
ARES SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND IV, L.P.
ARES SSF IV DIRECT HOLDINGS S.A.R.L.
ARES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC
ARES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PARTNERS (L) LTD.
ARES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PARTNERS LTD.
ARES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.
ARES STRATEGIC REAL ESTATE PROGRAM–HHC, LLC
ARES UK CREDIT STRATEGIES, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE FUND VII 892, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE FUND VII, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE FUND VIII, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY ADVISORS, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY FUND, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE VII ADVISORS, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE VII MANAGEMENT, LLC
ARES US REAL ESTATE VIII ADVISORS, L.P.
ARES US REAL ESTATE VIII MANAGEMENT, LLC
ARES WLP MANAGEMENT L.P.
ARES XL CLO, LTD.
ARES XXIII CLO, LTD.
ARES XXIV CLO, LTD.
ARES XXIX CLO, LTD.
ARES XXV CLO, LTD.
ARES XXVI CLO, LTD.
ARES XXVII CLO, LTD.
ARES XXVIII CLO, LTD.
ARES XXX CLO, LTD.
ARES XXXI CLO, LTD.
ARES XXXII CLO, LTD.
ARES XXXIII CLO, LTD.
ARES XXXIV CLO, LTD.
ARES XXXIX CLO, LTD.
ARES XXXV CLO, LTD.:
ARES XXXVII CLO, LTD.:
ARES XXXVIII CLO, LTD.:
ASIP (HOLDCO) IV S.A.R.L.:
ASIP OPERATING MANAGER IV, LLC:
ASSF OPERATING MANAGER IV, L.P.:
COLTS 2005-1 LTD.:
COLTS 2005-2 LTD.:
DF III US BD HOLDINGS LLC:
EMPORIA PREFERRED FUNDING I, LTD.:
EMPORIA PREFERRED FUNDING II, LTD.:
EMPORIA PREFERRED FUNDING III, LTD.:
IVY HILL INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, LLC:
IVY HILL MIDDLE MARKET CREDIT FUND IV, LTD.:
IVY HILL MIDDLE MARKET CREDIT FUND IX, LTD.:
IVY HILL MIDDLE MARKET CREDIT FUND VI, LTD.:
IVY HILL MIDDLE MARKET CREDIT FUND VII, LTD.:
IVY HILL MIDDLE MARKET CREDIT FUND X, LTD.:
IVY HILL MIDDLE MARKET CREDIT FUND XI, LTD.:
IVY HILL SENIOR DEBT FUND, L.P.:
IVY HILL SENIOR DEBT FUND, LTD.:
IVY HILL SENIOR DEBT FUNDING 2007-1 Q STREET/CENTURY LLC:
RIOPLELLE CENTURY LLC:
UNITED STATES POWER FUND III, L.P.:
VEF V HOLDINGS, LLC.:

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ORDER UNDER SECTIONS 17(d) and 57(i) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE ACT
Ares Capital Corporation, et al. filed an application on November 3, 2008, and amendments to the application on May 5, 2009, January 8, 2010, August 23, 2010, July 18, 2011, July 23, 2012, August 19, 2014, September 30, 2015, March 29, 2016, and September 26, 2016, requesting an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) and rule 17d-1 under the Act that would permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act. The order would permit business development companies and registered closed-end management investment companies (collectively, “Regulated Funds”) to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with affiliated investment funds.

On December 21, 2016, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 32399). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that participation by the Regulated Funds in the proposed transactions is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and is on a basis no less advantageous than that of other participants.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act, that the relief requested by Ares Capital Corporation, et al. (File No. 812-13603) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

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