

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2016

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report: **January 18, 2016**

**Willis Lease Finance Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-15369**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**68-0070656**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215  
Novato, California 94998**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 408-4700**

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

The Company announced on January 18, 2016 that Brian R. Hole, its current Chief Investment Officer, will be promoted to President following the retirement of Donald A. Nunemaker effective March 31, 2016.

On January 18, 2016, Willis Lease Finance Corporation issued a press release regarding Mr. Hole's promotion. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits**

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 99.1        | Press Release issued by Willis Lease Finance Corporation dated January 18, 2016. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized officer.

Dated: January 19, 2016

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bradley S. Forsyth  
Bradley S. Forsyth  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer