

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report: **June 3, 2013**

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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 - 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.

G rard Laviec has resigned from his position as a Class II member of the Board, and as a member of the Audit and Compensation Committees of the Board, effective May 31, 2013.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On May 28, 2013, Willis Lease Finance Corporation (the Company) held its Annual Stockholders Meeting (the Annual Meeting). At the close of business on April 1, 2013, the voting record date, there were 8,685,280 common shares outstanding and entitled to vote. At the Annual Meeting, 8,048,230, or 92.67%, of the outstanding common shares entitled to vote were represented by proxy or in person.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors. The stockholders elected two Class III Directors for a three-year term expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The voting results were as follows:

Number of Votes Cast:

| | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Charles F. Willis, IV | 5,682,179 | 1,177,694 | 1,188,357 |
| Hans Joerg Hunziker | 5,446,335 | 1,413,538 | 1,188,357 |

The other directors whose term of office continued after the Annual Meeting are Robert T. Morris, Austin C. Willis and W. William Coon, Jr. G rard Laviec will continue as director after the Annual Meeting, through the May 31, 2013 effective date of his resignation from the Board.

Proposal 2: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. The stockholders ratified the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year 2013. The voting results were as follows:

Number of Votes Cast:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 8,021,423 | 24,321 | 2,486 | 0 |

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

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On May 31, 2013, the Company issued a Press Release announcing Mr. Lavie's resignation, A copy of this Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits

The Company hereby furnishes the following exhibit pursuant to Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure .

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated May 31, 2013 |

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated June 3, 2013

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

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