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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 (Date of earliest event reported): December 8, 2006

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

2320 Marinship Way, Suite 300

0-28774

(Commission file number)

68-0070656

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Sausalito, California 94965

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (415) 275-5100

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 8, 2006, Willis Lease Finance Corporation (the Company) entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with FlightTechnics LLC (the Seller), whereby the Company agreed to purchase 1,300,000 shares of the Company s common stock from the Seller for \$9.00 per share, or an aggregate purchase price of \$11.7 million. Prior to the sale, the Seller owned approximately 14.0% of the Company s issued and outstanding shares of common stock.

The sale closed on December 12, 2006.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The Company hereby furnishes the following exhibits with this report:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued December 8, 2006

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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: December 13, 2006

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas C. Nord

Thomas C. Nord

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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