

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP
Form 8-K
February 16, 2016

**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: **February 12, 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 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The Registrant entered into an Employment Agreement with Brian R. Hole, its current Chief Investment Officer, providing for his employment as the Company's President commencing on April 1, 2016.

The Registrant also entered into an Employment Agreement with Austin C. Willis, one of its Directors, providing for his employment as the Company's Senior Vice President of Corporate Development commencing on March 1, 2016.

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms therein, each of the foregoing Employment Agreements has a term of one year, renewing annually thereafter until either party gives written notice of non-renewal at least six months prior to the end of the last applicable employment year. The Employment Agreements are attached as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 10.1 | Employment Agreement between the Company and Brian R. Hole dated January 14, 2016. |
| 10.2 | Employment Agreement between the Company and Austin C. Willis dated February 9, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 12, 2016

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: */s/ Dean M. Poulakidas*
Dean M. Poulakidas
Senior Vice President
and General Counsel