WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP Form 8-K May 07, 2018

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): May 7, 2018

Willis Lease Finance Corp.

(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)

(415) 408-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

[Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

[Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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[Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The following information and exhibit are furnished pursuant to Item 2.02(a), "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" and Item 7.01, "Regulation FD Disclosure". This information shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On May 7, 2018, the Company issued a news release setting forth the Company's results from operations for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and financial condition as of March 31, 2018. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The Company hereby furnishes the following exhibit pursuant to Item 2.02(a), "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" and Item 7.01, "Regulation FD Disclosure".

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release issued by Willis Lease Finance Corporation dated May 7, 2018.

SIGNATURE

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.

Willis Lease Finance Corp.

Date: May 7, 2018

By: /s/ Scott B. Flaherty Scott B. Flaherty Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer