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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report: February 14, 2002

Willis Lease Finance Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-28774

(Commission File Number)

2320 Marinship Way, Suite 300 Sausalito, California 94965

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 331-5281

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 14, 2002, the Registrant announced that Gerard Laviec will join the Registrant's board of directors.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Form Financial Information and Exhibits.

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Exhibits

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99 Press Release issued on February 14, 2002.

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(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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 as of February 20, 2002.

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ DONALD A. NUNEMAKER

Donald A. Nunemaker

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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