AIR LEASE CORP Form 8-K April 12, 2012

## **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**

April 9, 2012

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

# AIR LEASE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

**001-35121** (Commission

**27-1840403** (I.R.S. Employer

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### of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

#### 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1000N

Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (310) 553-0555

#### Not Applicable

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

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**90067** (Zip Code)

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#### Item 1.01

#### Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 9, 2012, Air Lease Corporation (the Company ) entered into a purchase agreement novation and related amendment (collectively, the Novation Agreement ) with Vietnam Aircraft Leasing Joint Stock Company (VALC), whereby VALC assigned to the Company its purchase agreement with The Boeing Company (Boeing) for the purchase of eight 787-9 aircraft. Deliveries of these aircraft are scheduled to commence in 2017 and continue through 2018. Boeing has consented and agreed to the Novation Agreement.

The Novation Agreement is subject to the following conditions precedent: (i) the approval of the Novation Agreement by the Board of Management of VALC and the Board of Shareholders of VALC shall have been obtained on or before April 19, 2012; (ii) certain advance payments due under the assigned purchase agreement between VALC and Boeing shall have been received in full by Boeing; (iii) certain advance payments paid by VALC to Boeing shall have been received in full by VALC; (iv) the Company s affiliates and Vietnam Airlines Company Limited (VIE) shall have duly executed certain aircraft lease agreements; (v) the aircraft lease agreements and the performance of obligations of VIE shall have received full and unconditional approval by all Vietnamese government authorities including the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam; and (vi) the Company shall have received in full all security deposit payments due and payable by VIE under the aircraft lease agreements.

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#### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

AIR LEASE CORPORATION

Date: April 12, 2012

/s/ Grant A. Levy Grant A. Levy Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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