AIR LEASE CORP Form 8-K April 25, 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 24, 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 of 001-35121 (Commission File Number) **27-1840403** (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation)

Identification No.)

2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1000N

Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices) **90067** (Zip Code)

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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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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Air Lease Corporation (the Company) was named as a defendant in a complaint filed in Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles on April 24, 2012 by American International Group, Inc. and International Lease Finance Corporation. The complaint also names as defendants certain executive officers and employees of the Company. Among other things, the suit alleges breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation of trade secrets. The complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to these claims and intends to defend this matter vigorously.

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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 25, 2012

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

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