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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)
March 11, 2019

READY CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
Of Incorporation)

001-35808
(Commission File Number)

90-0729143
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1140 Avenue of the Americas,
7th Floor
New York, NY 10036
(Address of principal executive offices))
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 257-4600**

(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)
- 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))

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

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.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On March 11, 2019, the board of directors of Ready Capital Corporation (“Ready Capital”) appointed Andrew Ahlborn as Chief Financial Officer of Ready Capital effective June 1, 2019 (the “Appointment”). Mr. Ahlborn will succeed Frederick C. Herbst, who will resign from his position as Chief Financial Officer of Ready Capital effective June 1, 2019.

There are no arrangements or understandings with any person pursuant to which Mr. Ahlborn was named Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Ahlborn does not have any family relationships with any director, executive officer or person nominated or chosen by Ready Capital to become a director or executive officer of Ready Capital. Mr. Ahlborn is not a party to any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Mr. Ahlborn, 35, joined Ready Capital’s manager, Waterfall Asset Management, LLC (the “Manager”), in 2010 and has been Controller of Ready Capital since 2015. Having focused on Ready Capital since its formation in 2011, Mr. Ahlborn served a vital role in many significant corporate transactions since inception. Mr. Ahlborn previously worked in Ernst & Young, LLP’s Financial Services Office from 2007 until joining the Manager in 2010. Mr. Ahlborn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Fordham University’s Gabelli School of Business, is a CPA and is currently pursuing his Master of Business Administration through Columbia Business School.

Ready Capital does not have agreements with any of its executive officers or any employees of the Manager or the Manager’s affiliates with respect to their cash compensation. Mr. Ahlborn, like Ready Capital’s other executive officers, is an employee of the Manager and will not receive cash compensation from Ready Capital for serving as one of its executive officers. Ready Capital expects Mr. Ahlborn to be primarily dedicated to Ready Capital. Pursuant to Ready Capital’s management agreement with the Manager, Ready Capital will pay an allocable share of the compensation of Mr. Ahlborn. Accordingly, Ready Capital intends to reimburse 100% of his compensation.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On March 12, 2019, Ready Capital issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Ahlborn and the resignation of Mr. Herbst. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER

In connection with the proposed merger (the “Merger”) pursuant to the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated November 7, 2018, between Ready Capital, Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc. (“ORM”) and ReadyCap Merger Sub, LLC, Ready Capital has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) that includes a joint proxy statement/prospectus, which was declared effective by the SEC on February 15, 2019, and other documents with respect to the proposed Merger. The joint proxy/prospectus contains important information about the proposed transaction and related matters. **STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT READY CAPITAL, ORM AND THE PROPOSED MERGER.**

Stockholders of Ready Capital and ORM may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed with the SEC by Ready Capital or ORM (if and when they become available) through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed by Ready Capital with the SEC are also available free of charge on Ready Capital’s website at www.readycapital.com. Copies of the documents filed by ORM with the SEC are also available free of charge on ORM’s website at www.owensmortgage.com.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PARTICIPANTS IN SOLICITATION RELATING TO THE MERGER

Ready Capital, ORM and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of Ready Capital and ORM may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Ready Capital's and ORM's stockholders in respect of the proposed Merger. Information regarding Ready Capital's directors and executive officers can be found in Ready Capital's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 30, 2018 and Ready Capital's most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2019. Information regarding ORM's directors and executive officers can be found in ORM's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on June 8, 2018 and ORM's most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants are included in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed Merger if and when they become available. These documents are available free of charge on the SEC's website and from Ready Capital or ORM, as applicable, using the sources indicated above.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements," as such term is defined in Section 27A of the the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act and such statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided by the same. These statements are based on current expectations and beliefs of Ready Capital and ORM and are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements; neither Ready Capital nor ORM can give any assurance that its expectations will be attained.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk that the Merger will not be consummated within the expected time period or at all; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; the inability to obtain stockholder approvals relating to the Merger and issuance of shares in connection therewith or the failure to satisfy the other conditions to completion of the Merger; risks related to disruption of management's attention from the ongoing business operations due to the proposed Merger; the effect of the announcement of the proposed Merger on Ready Capital's and ORM's operating results and businesses generally; the outcome of any legal proceedings relating to the Merger; changes in future loan acquisition and production; the ability to retain key personnel; availability of suitable investment opportunities; changes in interest rates; changes in the yield curve; changes in prepayment rates; the availability and terms of financing; general economic conditions; market conditions; conditions in the market for small balance commercial loans and other investments; legislative and regulatory changes that could adversely affect the businesses of Ready Capital and ORM; and other factors, including those set forth in the Risk Factors section of Ready Capital's and ORM's most recent Annual Reports on Form 10-K and other reports filed by Ready Capital and ORM with the SEC, copies of which are available on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Neither Ready Capital nor ORM undertakes any obligation to update these statements for revisions or changes after the date of this report, except as required by law.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 [Press Release, dated March 12, 2019](#)

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.

Ready Capital Corporation

By: /s/ Frederick C. Herbst
Name: Frederick C. Herbst
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 12, 2019

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Exhibit 99.1



READY CAPITAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE TRANSITION

*– Andrew Ahlborn to Become Chief Financial Officer –
– Rick Herbst to Retire –*

New York, NY — March 11, 2019 - Ready Capital Corporation (NYSE:RC) (“Ready Capital” or the “Company”) today announced the appointment of Andrew Ahlborn as Chief Financial Officer, effective June 1, 2019. He will succeed Rick Herbst, the Chief Financial Officer, who will retire from this role on that date.

“Andrew’s proven to be a very strong financial executive whose strengths have contributed to Ready Capital’s strong competitive position in the market. We are excited about promoting Andrew to the Chief Financial Officer position and expect a smooth transition as he leverages his deep understanding of the Company developed through the years,” stated Ready Capital Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Thomas Capasse. “Andrew’s experience, including his integral role in our key transactions in recent years has positioned him well to become one of Ready Capital’s next leaders. In addition to the management of the accounting and finance team, Andrew is active in the Company’s investor relations, capital markets, strategic M&A and business development activities.

Andrew Ahlborn joined Ready Capital’s manager, Waterfall Asset Management, LLC. in 2010 and has been Controller of Ready Capital since 2015. Having focused on Ready Capital since its formation in 2011, Mr. Ahlborn served a vital role in many significant corporate transactions since inception. Prior to Ready Capital, Mr. Ahlborn worked in Ernst & Young, LLP’s Financial Services Office from 2007. Mr. Ahlborn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Fordham University’s Gabelli School of Business, is a CPA and is currently pursuing his Master of Business Administration through Columbia Business School.

Mr. Capasse continued, “On behalf of the entire Ready Capital Team, we thank Rick for his numerous contributions to the successful development of Ready Capital and wish him well in his retirement. Rick has been instrumental to the significant progress and accomplishments the Company has achieved, and with his departure, he certainly leaves Ready Capital in a strong financial position primed for future success.”

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Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk that the merger will not be consummated within the expected time period or at all; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement; the inability to obtain stockholder approvals relating to the merger and issuance of shares in connection therewith or the failure to satisfy the other conditions to completion of the merger; risks related to disruption of management’s attention from the

Capital's and ORM's operating results and businesses generally; the outcome of any legal proceedings relating to the merger; changes in future loan acquisition and production; the ability to retain key personnel; availability of suitable investment opportunities; changes in interest rates; changes in the yield curve; changes in prepayment rates; the availability and terms of financing; general economic conditions; market conditions; conditions in the market for small balance commercial loans and other investments; and other factors, including those set forth in the Risk Factors section of Ready Capital's Registration Statement on Form S-4, declared effective by the SEC on February 15, 2019, and other reports filed by Ready Capital and ORM with the SEC, copies of which are available on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Neither Ready Capital nor ORM undertakes any obligation to update these statements for revisions or changes after the date of this press release, except as required by law.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This press release may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed merger of Ready Capital and ORM. In connection with the proposed merger, Ready Capital has filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4, which includes a joint proxy statement/prospectus and has been declared effective by the SEC. Ready Capital's stockholders and other interested persons are advised to read the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and documents incorporated by reference therein filed in connection with the proposed merger and, when available, the amendments thereto, as these materials will contain important information about Ready Capital, ORM and the proposed merger. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials for the proposed merger have been mailed to stockholders of Ready Capital as of the record date. Stockholders will also be able to obtain copies of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein, without charge, once available, at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, or on Ready Capital's website at <https://readycapital.com/> or by directing a request to Ready Capital's Investor Relations at InvestorRelations@readycapital.com or at (212) 257-4666.

Participants in Solicitation

Ready Capital, its directors, executive officers and certain employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed merger. Information regarding Ready Capital's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding these persons and their interests in the proposed merger is included in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus relating to the proposed merger that has been filed with the SEC. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

ORM and its directors and executive officers may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Ready Capital in connection with the proposed merger. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the proposed merger are included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed merger.

About Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc.

Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc., a Maryland corporation, is a specialty finance mortgage company organized to qualify as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") that focuses on the origination, investment, and management of commercial real estate mortgage loans. ORM provides customized, short-term acquisition and transition capital to small balance and middle-market investors that require speed and flexibility. ORM's primary objective is to provide investors with attractive current income and long-term shareholder value. Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc. is headquartered in Walnut Creek, California, and is externally managed and advised by Owens Financial Group, Inc.

About Ready Capital Corporation

Ready Capital Corporation (NYSE: RC) is a multi-strategy real estate finance company that originates, acquires, finances and services small- to medium-sized balance commercial loans. Ready Capital specializes in loans backed by commercial real estate, including agency multifamily, investor and bridge as well as SBA 7(a) business loans. Headquartered in New York, New York, Ready Capital employs over 400 lending professionals nationwide. The company is externally managed and advised by Waterfall Asset Management, LLC.

No Offer or Solicitation

This press release shall not constitute a solicitation of a proxy, consent or authorization with respect to any securities or in respect of the proposed merger. This press release shall also not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any states or jurisdictions in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.

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