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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report: April 4, 2016**

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**Willis Lease Finance Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**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)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 408-4700**

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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)
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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 Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

**Company Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan**

**CEO Share Buyback**

On April 1, 2016, in a transaction approved by a Special Committee of the Board of Directors, the Company purchased 60,000 shares of its common stock directly from the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Charles F. Willis. The purchase price was \$20.59 per share, the closing price of the Company's common stock as of March 31, 2016.

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**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 duly authorized officer.

Dated April 4, 2016

**WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Dean M. Poulakidas

Dean M. Poulakidas  
Senior Vice President and  
and General Counsel