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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: October 5, 2004

Willis Lease Finance Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **0-28774** (Commission File Number)

68-0070656 (I.R.S. Employer Identification 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

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The Company signed a Renewal Letter dated September 30, 2004 in relation to its warehouse facility. The letter extends the Conversion Date of the Indenture to March 9, 2005 and the Commitment Termination dates for the Subclass A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Subclass B-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Subclass A-2 Note Purchase Agreement and the Subclass B-2 Note Purchase Agreement to March 9, 2005. Except for this extension, the terms of the warehouse facility are unchanged. The Conversion Date and Commitment Termination Dates were all previously September 9, 2004.

The parties to the letter are the Company, Sheffield Receivables Corporation (Note Purchaser), Barclays Bank PLC (Note Purchaser) and Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V. (Note Purchaser). Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V. is also a participant in the Company s revolving debt facility.

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 October 5, 2004.

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald A. Nunemaker

Donald A. Nunemaker Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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