

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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): August 21, 2019

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

814-00971
(Commission
File Number)

46-0937320
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4400 Post Oak Parkway, Suite 2200
Houston, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77027
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (713) 292-5400

Not applicable
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communication 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 communication pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	SCM	New York Stock Exchange
5.75% Notes due 2022	SCA	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 8.01 Other Events

On August 21, 2019, Stellus Capital Investment Corporation issued a press release announcing that it received its second Small Business Investment Company license from the United States Small Business Administration. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished herewith to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit

No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press Release dated August 21, 2019 of Stellus Capital Investment Corporation.</u>

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.

Date: August 21, 2019

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation

By: /s/ W. Todd Huskinson
Name: W. Todd Huskinson
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation Receives Approval for Its Second SBIC License

August 21, 2019

HOUSTON—August 21, 2019 (PR NEWSWIRE)—Stellus Capital Investment Corporation (the “Company”) (NYSE: SCM), a business development company, today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Stellus Capital SBIC II, LP (“Stellus SBIC”), has received approval for a license from the United States Small Business Administration (“SBA”) to operate as a Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”). This is the second SBIC license granted to the Company through its SBIC subsidiaries.

The license will allow Stellus SBIC to obtain leverage by issuing SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to the issuance of a capital commitment by the SBA and customary procedures. SBA-guaranteed debentures are non-recourse, interest only debentures with interest payable semi-annually and have a ten-year maturity. The interest rate is fixed on a semi-annual basis at a market-driven spread over U.S. Treasury Notes with ten-year maturities. Current statutes and regulations permit Stellus Capital SBIC II, L.P. to borrow up to a maximum of \$175 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to required capitalization of the SBIC subsidiary and other requirements.

“We are pleased to have obtained approval from the SBA for our second SBIC license and we look forward to continuing to work closely with the SBA in the years ahead,” said Robert T. Ladd, Chief Executive Officer of the Company. “This will give us access to up to a maximum of \$175 million of attractive, long-term debt capital, which provides additional liquidity to selectively grow our portfolio and generate attractive returns for our shareholders.”

About Stellus Capital Investment Corporation

The Company is an externally-managed, closed-end, non-diversified investment management company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company’s investment objective is to maximize the total return to its stockholders in the form of current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in private middle-market companies (typically those with \$5.0 million to \$50.0 million of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization)) through first lien (including unitranche), second lien and unsecured debt financing, with corresponding equity co-investments. The Company’s investment activities are managed by its investment adviser, Stellus Capital Management. To learn more about Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, visit www.stelluscapital.com under the “Public Investors” tab.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included herein may contain “forward-looking statements” which relate to future performance or financial condition. Statements other than statements of historical facts included in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements and are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in filings by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission including the final prospectus that will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement made herein. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release.

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