

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

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**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): May 22, 2013

**Stellus Capital Investment Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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 77027**  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 292-5400**

Not Applicable

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Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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))
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**Item 7.01 Other Events.**

On May 22, 2013, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Small Business Administration has issued a "green light" letter inviting the Company to continue its application process to obtain a license to form and operate a Small Business Investment Company subsidiary. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated May 22, 2013

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 22, 2013

**Stellus Capital Investment Corporation**

By: /s/ W. Todd Huskinson

Name: W. Todd Huskinson

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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## **Stellus Capital Investment Corporation Receives SBA “Green Light” Letter**

HOUSTON— May 22, 2013 (BUSINESS WIRE)--Stellus Capital Investment Corporation (“Stellus” or the “Company”) (NYSE: SCM) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has issued a "green light" letter inviting the Company to continue its application process to obtain a license to form and operate a Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”) subsidiary.

If approved, the license would permit Stellus to issue SBA-guaranteed debentures. However, receipt of a green light letter from the SBA does not assure an applicant that the SBA will ultimately issue an SBIC license and the Company has received no assurance or indication from the SBA that it will receive an SBIC license, or of the timeframe in which it would receive a license, should one ultimately be granted.

### **About Stellus Capital Investment Corporation**

The Company is an externally-managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. 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, second lien, unitranche and mezzanine debt financing, and corresponding equity 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](http://www.stelluscapital.com) under the Stellus Capital Investment Corporation link.

### **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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