ALLIED CAPITAL CORP Form 8-K February 24, 2010

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): February 24, 2010 Allied Capital Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-22832 52-1081052

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, District of Columbia 20006

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 202 721-6100 Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 24, 2010, Allied Capital issued a press release announcing its 2009 financial results. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated February 24, 2010.

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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.

Allied Capital Corporation

February 24, 2010 By: Penni F. Roll

Name: Penni F. Roll

Title: Chief Financial Officer