

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â HARTZ DAVID M | | (Month/Day/Year) | NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [NRP] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 12/17/2013 | |
| 601 JEFFERSON STREET, Â SUITE 3600 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| HOUSTON, Â TX Â 77002 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | VP, Oil and Gas | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Units | 1,139.651 | D ⁽¹⁾ | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Phantom Units ⁽²⁾ | 02/11/2014 | 02/11/2014 | Common Units | 4,000 | \$ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | D | Â |
| Phantom Units ⁽²⁾ | 02/10/2015 | 02/10/2015 | Common Units | 4,000 | \$ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | D | Â |
| Phantom Units ⁽²⁾ | 02/14/2016 | 02/14/2016 | Common Units | 4,000 | \$ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | D | Â |
| Phantom Units ⁽²⁾ | 02/13/2017 | 02/13/2017 | Common Units | 4,000 | \$ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARTZ DAVID M 601 JEFFERSON STREET SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Â | Â | Â VP, Oil and Gas | Â |

Signatures

David Hartz 12/23/2013
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The common units are owned jointly with Mr. Hartz's spouse.
- (2) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the Issuer's long-term incentive plan.
- (3) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.
- (4) Award includes tandem distribution equivalent rights pursuant to which the quarterly distributions paid by the partnership on each unit will be accrued over the vesting period and paid on vesting.

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