

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
Form 8-K
January 11, 2007

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): January 8, 2007

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Commission
File No.: 0-26823
1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

73-1564280
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 295-7600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On January 8, 2007, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership) announced via press release that Merribel S. Ayres, 55, and Wilson M. (Mack) Torrence, 65, have been elected to the Board of Directors of Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC (Alliance), the managing general partner of the Partnership. Ms. Ayres and Mr. Torrence will serve on the Compensation and Conflicts Committees, respectively, of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Ayres and Mr. Torrence replace Messrs. John J. MacWilliams, Preston R. (Jeff) Miller, and Robert. G. Sachse, who have concurrently retired from Alliance's Board of Directors. As previously announced via press release dated October 31, 2006, Mr. Sachse will continue to serve the Partnership as Executive Vice President with a primary focus on marketing and strategic growth opportunities.

A copy of the Partnership's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of January 8, 2007.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.

By: Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC,

its managing general partner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Craft III

Joseph W. Craft III

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 11, 2007