

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 8-K

January 16, 2009

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

January 16, 2009 (January 13, 2009)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction)

0-26823
(Commission File Number)

73-1564280
(IRS Employer)

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of incorporation)

1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

Identification Number)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(918) 295-7600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. 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))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 13, 2009, Merribel S. Ayres resigned from her position as a member of the Board of Directors of Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC, the managing general partner of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the *Partnership*). Her resignation was not the result of any disagreement with the Partnership.

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.

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 16, 2009