

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 8-K

October 24, 2011

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): October 18, 2011

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

73-1564280
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 295-7600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Act) was enacted. Section 1503 of the Act included new reporting requirements related to mine safety, including disclosing on a Current Report on Form 8-K the receipt of an imminent danger order under Section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Mine Act) issued by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

On October 18, 2011, at approximately 11:05 a.m., Excel Mining, LLC (Excel), an operating subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P., received an imminent danger order under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act at the Van Lear Mine. The imminent danger order alleged the existence of excessive methane in the mine atmosphere of the 011/012 mechanized mining units. As a result of MSHA's allegations and the scope of the order, production at the Van Lear Mine has been idled. No miners were injured as a result of any conditions alleged in the order.

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: October 24, 2011