

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
February 02, 2009

**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): February 2, 2009 (January 27, 2009)**

**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

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

**Identification No.)**

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(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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

On February 2, 2009, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) announced via press release that on January 27, 2009 Charles R. Wesley, 54, was elected to the Board of Directors of Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC ( Alliance ), the managing general partner of the Partnership. Mr. Wesley joined the company in 1974 and has been Senior Vice President-Operations since August 1996.

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 February 2, 2009.

**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: February 2, 2009