

Oiltanking Partners, L.P.  
Form 8-K  
May 29, 2012

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 22, 2012

Oiltanking Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-35230

45-0684578

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization) (Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

15631 Jacintoport Blvd.

Houston, Texas 77015

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(281) 457-7900

(Registrants' 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))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 22, 2012, Oiltanking Holding Americas, Inc. (“OTA”), the sole member of OTLP GP, LLC (the “General Partner”), the general partner of Oiltanking Partners, L.P. (the “Partnership”), appointed D. Mark Leland to serve as a member of the board of directors of the General Partner (the “Board”). The Board determined that Mr. Leland is an independent director, and appointed Mr. Leland to serve as a member of both the Audit and Conflicts Committees of the Board.

Mr. Leland, as a non-employee director of the General Partner, will receive the same compensation provided to all non-employee members of the Board. The compensation of non-employee directors of the General Partner is described in the Partnership’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Leland and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Leland was elected to serve as a director of the General Partner. There are no relationships between Mr. Leland and the General Partner, the Partnership or any of the Partnership’s subsidiaries that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 29, 2012, announcing appointment of D. Mark Leland to the Board of Directors of OTLP GP, LLC.

**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.

Oiltanking Partners, L.P.

By: OTLP GP, LLC, its general partner

Dated: May 29, 2012

By: /s/ Carlin G. Conner

Name: Carlin G. Conner

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer