

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)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. 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