

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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): **January 26, 2016**

**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.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(918) 295-7600**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02**

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On January 26, 2016, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) announced, via press release, its quarterly and annual earnings and operating results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the Partnership s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished in this Item 2.02 including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent specifically referenced in any such filings.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of January 26, 2016.

**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 26, 2016