

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form SD  
April 22, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM SD**  
**Specialized Disclosure Report**

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**ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-26823  
(Commission File Number)

73-1564280  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**Brian L. Cantrell (918) 295-7600**

(Name and telephone number, including area code, of the person to contact in connection with this report.)

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Check the appropriate box to indicate the rule pursuant to which this form is being filed, and provide the period to which the information in the form applies:

Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2015.

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**SECTION 1. CONFLICT MINERALS DISCLOSURE**

**Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report**

**Conflict Minerals Disclosure**

A subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. ( ARLP ), Matrix Design Group, LLC ( Matrix ), provides a variety of mine products and services for ARLP s mining operations and to unrelated third-parties. These mine products, like virtually all consumer electronics, contain various metals, including tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold ( Conflict Minerals ), which originate in mines around the world.

Pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission Final Rule on Conflict Minerals, 17 CFR Parts 240 and 249b (the SEC Final Rule ), ARLP has performed a reasonable country of origin inquiry regarding Conflict Minerals from applicable suppliers using the template designed by the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition. Based on these results, we were unable to determine whether the Conflict Minerals used by Matrix in its products originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries, directly or indirectly financed or benefited armed groups, or came from recycled or scrap sources for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The Conflict Minerals Report for the year ended December 31, 2015 filed herewith as Exhibit 1.01 is available at [www.arlp.com](http://www.arlp.com).

**Item 1.02 Exhibit**

Information concerning Conflict Minerals required by Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the SEC Final Rule is included in Exhibit 1.01 to this Specialized Disclosure Report on Form SD.

**SECTION 2. EXHIBITS**

**Item 2.01 Exhibit**

Exhibit 1.01 Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form.

**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, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on April 22, 2016.

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC  
its managing general partner

*/s/ Brian L. Cantrell  
Brian L. Cantrell  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer*