

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 4

February 25, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRAFT JOSEPH W III

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ALLIANCE RESOURCE
PARTNERS LP [ARLP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1717 S. BOULDER
AVENUE, SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2008

☐ Director ☒ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
President and Chief Executive

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Unit				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Unit	02/21/2008		M		30,000	A	(4)
Common Unit	02/21/2008		F		10,148	D	\$ 39.45 (2)
Common Unit					1,000	I	By son
					15,544,169	I	

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Common
Unit

By
Alliance
Holdings
GP, L.P.
(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Unit	(4)	02/21/2008		M	30,000	02/21/2008 (3)	Common unit	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRAFT JOSEPH W III 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 400 TULSA, OK 74119	X	X	President and Chief Executive	

Signatures

Joseph W. Craft by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated February 13, 2007

02/25/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The reporting person indirectly holds 15,544,169 Common Units of ARLP through Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. ("AHGP"). Craft is a director, and through his ownership of C-Holdings, LLC, the sole owner of Alliance GP, LLC, the general partner of AHGP., and holds,

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directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding AHGP Common Units. AHGP owns 42.5% of the Common Units of ARLP. Craft disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Units of ARLP held by AHGP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- (2) Upon vesting, restricted units are withheld by the Partnership for the payment of tax liability at the vesting price of \$39.45.
- (3) Not applicable

On January 29, 2008, the Partnership's Compensation Committee determined that the vesting requirement for the 2005 Long-Term

- (4) Incentive Plan grants had been satisfied. As a result restricted units were determined to be vested effective January 1, 2008 and subsequently issued on February 21, 2008 based upon the closing price of the common units at February 19, 2008 of \$39.45.

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