

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2005

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 17, 2005**

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

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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 600, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 295-7600

(Registrant's 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 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT**

On March 17, 2005, Alliance Resource Operating Partners, L.P. (the Intermediate Partnership ) entered into an agreement ( Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement ) to amend their Credit Agreement among the Intermediate Partnership and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (as paying agent), Citicorp USA , Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (as co-administrative agents) and lenders named therein.

Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement amends Section 5.04(d) of the agreement to increase the maximum capital expenditures from \$50,600,000 and \$50,200,000 for the years ending December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively to \$125,000,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006. A copy of Amendment No. 1 is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(c) Exhibits**

- 10.1 Amendment No. 1 dated March 17, 2005 to the Credit Agreement dated as of August 22, 2003, among Alliance Resource Operating Partners, L.P., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (as paying agent), Citicorp USA , Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (as co-administrative agents) and lenders named therein.

**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.

**Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.**

By: Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC,

its managing general partner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Craft III

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Joseph W. Craft III  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: March 22, 2005