

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2007

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**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 8, 2007**

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

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>Commission</b>  <b>File No.: 0-26823</b> <b>1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119</b>  (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)  <b>(918) 295-7600</b>  (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	<b>73-1564280</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

On January 8, 2007, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) announced via press release that Merribel S. Ayres, 55, and Wilson M. (Mack) Torrence, 65, have been elected to the Board of Directors of Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC ( Alliance ), the managing general partner of the Partnership. Ms. Ayres and Mr. Torrence will serve on the Compensation and Conflicts Committees, respectively, of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Ayres and Mr. Torrence replace Messrs. John J. MacWilliams, Preston R. (Jeff) Miller, and Robert. G. Sachse, who have concurrently retired from Alliance s Board of Directors. As previously announced via press release dated October 31, 2006, Mr. Sachse will continue to serve the Partnership as Executive Vice President with a primary focus on marketing and strategic growth opportunities.

A copy of the Partnership s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of January 8, 2007.

**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

Joseph W. Craft III

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: January 11, 2007