ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP Form 8-K October 22, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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): October 16, 2015

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

(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))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreen

On October 16, 2015, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. s wholly-owned subsidiary Alliance Resource Operating Partners, L.P. entered into Amendment No. 1 (the Credit Amendment) to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated May 23, 2012 (the Credit Agreement).

The Credit Amendment increased the baskets for capital lease obligations and sale-leasebacks under section 5.02 of the Credit Agreement from \$10.0 million to \$100.0 million.

The foregoing description of the Credit Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibits 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- Amendment No. 1 to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of October 16, 2015.

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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: October 22, 2015