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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/12/2016	_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and Chief Executive
TULSA, OK 7	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		4. Securities on Acquired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Unit					357,452	D	
Common Unit					2,000	I	By son
Common Unit					31,088,338	I	By Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. (4)

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Derive Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom unit	<u>(2)</u>	08/12/2016	A	4,253	<u>(1)</u>	(3)	Common unit	4,253	<u>(3</u>

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 President and Chief Executive

Relationshin

Signatures

Joseph W. Craft by Kenneth Hemm, pursuant to power of attorney dated April 10, 2013

08/12/2016

**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 Phantom units are to be settled in ARLP common units upon the reporting person's death or termination.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) Not applicable

The reporting person indirectly holds 31,088,338 Common Units of ARLP though 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,

directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding AHGP Common Units. AHGP owns 41.8% 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.

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