

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 600

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. [AHGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/04/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

President and Chief Executive

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 (A) 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					20,641,168	I	By Alliance Resource GP, LLC ⁽¹⁾
Common Unit					2,463,449 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Unit	08/04/2015		J	<u>16,734</u> ⁽⁵⁾	D \$ 0	I	Through members of 13d group ⁽³⁾
Common units					315,941	I	Alliance Management Holdings III,

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRAFT JOSEPH W III 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 600 TULSA, OK 74119	X	X	President and Chief Executive	

Signatures

Joseph W. Craft by Amber Blythe, pursuant to power of attorney dated April 10, 2013

08/06/2015

__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) Joseph W. Craft III ("Craft") indirectly jointly owns 20,641,168 Common Units of AHGP through his joint ownership of Alliance Resource GP, LLC with Kathleen S. Craft.
- (2) Held through the JWC III Rev Trust, of which Mr. Craft is trustee.
- (3) These AHGP common units are held by certain entities and individuals (some of whom are current or former members of management of ARLP) other than Mr. Craft with whom he may be deemed to comprise a group under Rule 13d-5(b) of the Exchange Act. Mr. Craft

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disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities.

- (4) These AHGP common units are held through Alliance Management Holdings III, LLC ("AMH III"), which acquired 600,000 Common Units of AHGP in connection with the AMH Liquidation and the AMH II Liquidation. Mr. Craft is the sole director of AMH III and owns 42.43% of the membership interests in AMH III. Mr. Craft disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interests therein.

- (5) The units involved are subject to a Transfer Restrictions Agreement that may cause the holders to comprise a group under Exchange Act Rule 13d-5(b). A special committee of the board of directors of Alliance GP, LLC, the general partner of AHGP, authorized the release from the restrictions of the Transfer Restrictions Agreement of certain units of each holder that is subject to the agreement. The units "disposed of" reflected in column 4 are units so released. Mr. Craft is not selling these or any other AHGP units.

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