

CRAFT JOSEPH W III
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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

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and Chief Executive

TULSA, OK 74119
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Unit | | | | | 87,188,338 | I | By Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. (4) |
| Common Unit | | | | | 7,181 | I | By Alliance Resource GP, LLC (4) |
| Common Unit | | | | | 357,452 | D | |

Common Unit 2,000 I By son

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 or Value of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Phantom unit | (1) | 05/15/2018 | | A | 6,303 | (2) | (3) | Common unit | 6,303 |

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 | X | President and Chief Executive | |

Signatures

/s/ Joseph W. Craft by Kenneth Hemm, pursuant to power of attorney dated April 10, 2013 05/17/2018

__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) 1 for 1
- (2) The Phantom units are to be settled in ARLP common units upon the reporting person's death or termination.

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(3) Not applicable

Mr. Craft indirectly wholly owns Alliance GP, LLC, the general partner of Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. ("AHGP"), which wholly owns MGP II, LLC ("MGP II"), the owner of 56,100,000 common units of ARLP, and directly owns 31,088,338 common units of ARLP. Mr. Craft and Kathleen S. Craft jointly own Alliance Resource GP, LLC ("SGP"). Mr. Craft disclaims beneficial ownership of the common units of ARLP held by AHGP, MGP II and SGP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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