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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CRAFT JOSEPH W III Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE RESOURCE (Check all applicable) PARTNERS LP [ARLP] _X__ 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1717 S. BOULDER 05/15/2018 President and Chief Executive **AVENUE, SUITE 400** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TULSA, OK 74119**

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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				(-)	87,188,338	I	By Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. (4)
Common Unit					7,181	I	By Alliance Resource GP, LLC
Common Unit					357,452	D	

Common Unit

2,000

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom unit	<u>(1)</u>	05/15/2018		A	6,303	(2)	(3)	Common unit	6,303	<u>(3</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·F. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	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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