

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 2008

**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): September 11, 2008**

**ALLIANCE HOLDINGS GP, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**Commission File No.: 0-51952**  
**1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**

**03-573898**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 295-1415

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the following information and the exhibits referenced therein are being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and are not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are not subject to the liabilities of that section and are not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

On September 11, 2008, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. announced via press release that the board of directors of its managing general partner approved the opening of a new mine for the immediate development of the Tunnel Ridge reserves. Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. owns the managing general partner of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. dated September 11, 2008.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.**

By: Alliance GP, LLC,  
its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Craft III  
Joseph W. Craft  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: September 12, 2008