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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading VECELLIO LEO A JR Issuer Symbol NATURAL RESOURCE (Check all applicable) PARTNERS LP [NRP] X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 101 SANSBURY'S WAY 02/14/2016 (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 Person

WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411

(State)

(Zip)

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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 Units (1)	02/14/2016		M	3,700	A	<u>(1)</u>	23,700	D	
Common Units (1)	02/14/2016		D	3,700	D	\$ 1.034 (1)	20,000	D	

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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	vative Expiration Date es (Month/Day/Year) d d of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Units (2)	<u>(5)</u>	02/14/2016		M		3,700	02/14/2016	02/14/2016	Common Units	3,700
Phantom Units (2)	(3) (4)						02/13/2017	02/13/2017	Common Units	3,700
Phantom Units (2)	(3) (4)						02/12/2018	02/12/2018	Common Units	3,885
Phantom Units (2)	(3) (4)						02/11/2019	02/11/2019	Common Units	4,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
VECELLIO LEO A JR 101 SANSBURY'S WAY WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411	X						

Signatures

Leo A. Vecellio,
Jr.

**Signature of Date

**Signature of D
Reporting Person

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).
- The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II, which (1) were paid in cash on a one for one basis based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.
- (2) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (3) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.

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- (4) Award includes tandem distribution equivalent rights pursuant to which the quarterly distributions paid by the partnership on each unit will be accrued over the vesting period and paid on vesting.
- (5) As described in Footnote 1, upon vesting, the phantom units were paid in cash on a one for one basis based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.

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