NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VECELLIO LEO A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [NRP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

101 SANSBURY'S WAY

05/16/2007

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

(A)

or

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	05/16/2007		A	2,250	02/11/2008	02/11/2008	Common Units	2,250
Phantom Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	05/16/2007		A	3,000	02/14/2009	02/14/2009	Common Units	3,000
Phantom Units (1)	(2)	05/16/2007		A	3,000	02/13/2010	02/13/2010	Common Units	3,000
Phantom Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/16/2007		A	3,000	02/13/2011	02/13/2011	Common Units	3,000

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 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) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the Issuer's long-term incentive plan.
- (2) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately prior to the date of vesting.

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