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Natural Resource Partners L.P. Acquires Aggregate Reserves in Arizona

HOUSTON, December 21, 2009 – [Natural Resource Partners L.P.](#) (NYSE:NRP) today announced that it has acquired approximately 220 acres of mineral and surface rights related to sand and gravel reserves in southern Arizona for \$3.75 million. These reserves are currently producing.

Company Profile

Natural Resource Partners L.P. is headquartered in Houston, TX, with its operations headquarters in Huntington, WV. NRP is a master limited partnership that is principally engaged in the business of owning and managing mineral reserve properties. NRP owns coal reserves and coal handling and transportation infrastructure in the three major coal producing regions of the United States: Appalachia, the Illinois Basin and the Powder River Basin. In addition, the partnership owns and manages aggregate reserves being mined in West Virginia, Texas and Washington.

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