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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Natural Resource Partners L.P. Increases Distribution for the Twentieth Consecutive Quarter**

**HOUSTON, July 16, 2008** – **Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NYSE:NRP)** announced today that the Board of Directors of its general partner has declared a second quarter 2008 distribution of \$0.515 per unit for NRP, an increase of \$0.02 in its quarterly distribution. The distribution will be paid on August 14, 2008 to unitholders of record on August 1, 2008. This makes the twentieth consecutive quarter that NRP has increased its distribution.

#### **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 coal properties, 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 also manages aggregate reserves, oil and gas properties and timber assets across the United States.

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