Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. Form 4 March 25, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Alliance Management Holdings III, LLC

> (Last) (First) (Middle)

1717 SOUTH BOULDER **AVENUE. SUITE 400**

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. [AHGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/22/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner __X__ Other (specify Officer (give title

below) below)

Member of 13d group (over 10%) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

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

TULSA, OK 74119

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common Units

03/22/2013

S 4,000

D

\$ 30 337,802

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number food Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Call option (obligation to sell) (1)	\$ 30	03/22/2013		P	4,000	07/01/2011	07/01/2013	Common units	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Alliance Management Holdings III, LLC 1717 SOUTH BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 400 TULSA, OK 74119

Member of 13d group (over 10%)

Signatures

/s/ Alliance Managment Holdings III, LLC, by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated March 5, 2007

03/25/2013

**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).

AMH III entered into option agreements to sell 314,005common units of AHGP for an excercise price of \$30.00 per common unit, the options are exercisable from July 1, 2011 through July 1, 2013. AMH III received consideration of \$3.36 per common unit for each option.

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