

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 16, 2015**

**Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-34815**  
(Commission File Number)

**77-0695453**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**41 South High Street, Suite 3450**  
**Columbus, OH**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**43215**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(614) 643-0314**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 16, 2015, Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP (“Westmoreland LP”) issued a press release announcing that Westmoreland LP has established a record date and distribution date for a “25% unit dividend” as a one-time special unit distribution of common units of Westmoreland LP, payable to public unitholders on a pro rata basis. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

99.1 Press Release dated January 16, 2015.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP**

By: Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC,  
its general partner

Dated: January 16, 2015

By: /s/ Jennifer S. Grafton

Name: Jennifer S. Grafton

Title: Secretary

## **Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP Declares Record Date and Distribution Date for 25% Unit Dividend**

Columbus, Ohio - January 16, 2015 - Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP (NYSE: WMLP, "Westmoreland LP") today announced that the record date and distribution date have been set for Westmoreland LP's previously announced "25% unit dividend" as a one-time special distribution (the "Special Distribution") of common units of Westmoreland LP ("Westmoreland LP Units"). The Special Distribution is for an aggregate of approximately 202,184 Westmoreland LP Units, representing an approximately 25% unit dividend per Westmoreland LP Unit, payable to public unitholders on a pro rata basis. The Special Distribution is being effected as part of the completion of the series of transactions involving Westmoreland Coal Company previously announced on January 2, 2015.

The record date for the Special Distribution will be January 27, 2015 (the "Record Date"). The distribution of Westmoreland LP Units is expected to occur on January 30, 2015 (the "Distribution Date"). The transfer agent will not distribute any fractional Westmoreland LP Units or compensation in lieu thereof. Each fractional Westmoreland LP Unit will be rounded to the nearest whole Westmoreland LP Unit (and a 0.5 Westmoreland LP Unit will be rounded to the next higher Westmoreland LP Unit).

Holders of Westmoreland LP Units on the Record Date are not required to take any action in order to receive Westmoreland LP Units in connection with the Special Distribution. Westmoreland LP common unitholders entitled to receive Westmoreland LP Units in connection with the Special Distribution will either receive a book-entry account statement reflecting their ownership of the Westmoreland LP Units distributed to them in the Special Distribution or their brokerage accounts will be credited for the Westmoreland LP Units distributed to them in the Special Distribution.

### **About Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP**

Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP is a low-cost producer of high-value steam coal in Northern Appalachia. Westmoreland LP markets its coal primarily to large electric utilities with coal-fired, base-load scrubbed power plants under long-term coal sales contracts. For more information, visit [www.oxfordresources.com](http://www.oxfordresources.com).

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This release may contain "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "seeks," "believes," "estimates," "expects" and similar references to future periods. These statements involve known and unknown risks, which may cause actual results to differ materially from results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These risks include factors such as the uncertainty of negotiations to result in agreements or completed transactions, the uncertain nature of the expected benefits from the actual or expected transactions, the uncertain nature of the announced transactions, the ability to complete such transactions, risks associated with the integration of acquired assets, risks associated with the coal industry or the economy generally, and other such matters discussed in the "Risk Factors" sections of the 2013 annual report on Form 10-K of Westmoreland LP (formerly named Oxford Resource Partners, LP) and its subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements in this release speak only as of the date of this release. Although Westmoreland LP may from time to time voluntarily update its prior forward-looking statements, it disclaims any commitment to do so except as required by securities laws.