

VALERO L P
Form 8-K
January 31, 2005

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 31, 2005**

VALERO L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-16417
Commission File Number

74-2956831
(IRS Employee
Identification No.)

One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

78249
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(210) 345-2000**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 31, 2005, Valero L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, issued a press release announcing financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release announcing the financial results is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The press release announcing the earnings discloses certain financial measures, EBITDA and distributable cash flow, that are non-GAAP financial measures as defined under SEC rules. The press release furnishes a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their nearest GAAP financial measures. Management uses these financial measures because they are widely accepted financial indicators used by investors to compare partnership performance. In addition, management believes that these measures provide investors an enhanced perspective of the operating performance of the partnership's assets and the cash that the business is generating. Neither EBITDA nor distributable cash flow are intended to represent cash flows for the period, nor are they presented as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations. They should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for a measure of performance prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated January 31, 2005.

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SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

VALERO L.P.

By: Riverwalk Logistics, L.P.
its general partner

By: Valero GP, LLC
its general partner

Date: January 31, 2005

By: /s/Bradley C. Barron
Name: Bradley C. Barron
Title: Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated January 31, 2005.
