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Matrix and Monitech Announce Africa Partnership

NEWBURGH, IN. August 30, 2016 – Matrix Design Group, LLC (Matrix) announced today a partnership agreement with Brentwood Electronics T/A Monitech (Monitech) for distribution and integration of the Matrix product line, including proximity detection systems, to mines and other industrial operations in Africa. The partnership’s initial venture has delivered full section, leading-edge proximity detection solutions to Sasol Mining for some of its underground operations.

“Matrix is proud to team up with Monitech to deliver innovative technologies to the African market,” said Matrix President David Clardy. “Monitech’s premier technical service teams are highly respected in the African mining industry, and we are excited to be working with them.”

“Superior service, safety, integrity and technology are the core of our business at Monitech,” added Monitech President, Jarrod Hassett. “Matrix brings new technology solutions to the African mining industry, and together with commitment and local service from Monitech, African mining operators will find the Matrix systems to be the best performing, most reliable and lowest cost to own.”

Of particular interest to African mining operators, the IntelliZone proximity detection system is a machine-integrated system that will automatically warn personnel if they are in close proximity to mobile machinery or entering an unsafe working area. The system’s control system interfaces with machinery, providing the ability to slow down or stop the machine should personnel move into Warning or Shutdown (Red) Zones designated around the machine. The system is intended to enhance miners’ awareness of potentially dangerous areas around working machinery and instill safe operating practices.

For more information on Matrix or its products, please visit www.matrixteam.com. For more information about Monitech, please visit www.monitechmining.com.

About Matrix Design Group, LLC

Matrix is a designer, developer and marketer of safety and productivity for use in mining and industrial markets. Its innovative, industry-leading systems include proximity detection, communications, tracking, mine atmospheric monitoring, lighting and cameras. Matrix is a

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subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (NASDAQ: ARLP). For more information, see www.matrixteam.com

About Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.

ARLP is a diversified producer and marketer of coal to major United States utilities and industrial users. ARLP, the nation's first publicly traded master limited partnership involved in the production and marketing of coal, is currently the second largest coal producer in the eastern United States with mining operations in the Illinois Basin and Appalachian coal producing regions.

ARLP currently operates nine mining complexes in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia. ARLP also operates a coal loading terminal on the Ohio River at Mount Vernon, Indiana.

News, unit prices and additional information about ARLP, including filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are available at <http://www.arlp.com>. For more information, contact the investor relations department of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. at (918) 295-7674 or via e-mail at investorrelations@arlp.com.

About Brentwood Electronics T/A Monitech

Monitech is a specialist provider of safety and monitoring solutions to the mining industry in South Africa, sub-Southern African and across the globe. Monitech products are designed to exceed the most stringent safety and quality standards applicable to mining operations all over the world.

Monitech design, manufacture, install and maintain a wide range of mining-related products and systems. Monitech's mission is to continually improve the safety of mining personnel, from both a health and an engineering perspective.

For more information, see www.monitechmining.com.