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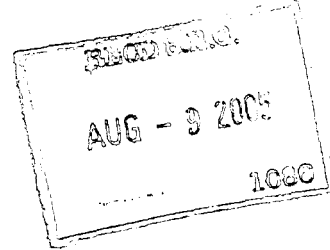


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P., Subordinated units representing limited partnership interests. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 9, 2005. Tentative listing date - August 10, 2005.

Sincerely,

David J. ...