

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P.

Form 8-K

January 28, 2010

**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: January 28, 2010**

**Date of earliest event reported: January 26, 2010**

**SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
file number)

(IRS employer  
identification number)

1818 Market Street, Suite 1500, Philadelphia, PA  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(215) 977-3000

19103  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

***The Repurchase Agreement***

On January 26, 2010, Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (the Partnership) entered into a Repurchase Agreement (the Repurchase Agreement) with its general partner, Sunoco Partners LLC (the General Partner) whereby the Partnership agreed to repurchase from the General Partner and the General Partner transferred and assigned to the Partnership for cancellation, the incentive distribution rights held by the General Partner (the Old IDRs) and issued under the Partnership's Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as amended, in consideration for (i) the Partnership's issuance to the General Partner of new incentive distribution rights (the New IDRs) under the Partnership's Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (New Partnership Agreement) and (ii) the Partnership's issuance to the General Partner of a promissory note in the principal amount of approximately \$201.2 million.

The execution and adoption of the New Partnership Agreement, the repurchase by the Partnership, and the transfer and assignment by the General Partner to the Partnership, of the Old IDRs, the issuance by the Partnership of the New IDRs and the issuance by the Partnership of the promissory note pursuant to the Repurchase Agreement were conditioned on each other and occurred simultaneously.

The foregoing description of the Repurchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated by reference herein.

***The Note***

Pursuant to the Repurchase Agreement, the Partnership issued a promissory note (the Note) to the General Partner, dated January 26, 2010, in the principal amount of \$201,233,880. The Note has a maturity date of December 31, 2010 (the Maturity Date) and bears interest at a rate of one-month LIBOR plus 30 basis points per annum. All accrued interest and principal shall become due and payable on the Maturity Date.

In addition, the Note is subject to acceleration and immediate payment in full of all accrued interest and principal upon the Partnership's receipt of cash or other funds in any amount greater than \$200,000,000 from (i) the sale of debt securities by the Partnership or its operating partnership that have a maturity of 5 years or more or (ii) the sale of common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership, in each case to a person not affiliated with the General Partner or the Partnership.

The Note is also subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of customary events of default, including the Partnership's failure to pay any principal amount when due or its failure to pay any interest if such interest remains unpaid for more than 5 business days from its due date.

The foregoing description of the Note does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant**

Pursuant to the Repurchase Agreement, the Partnership issued the Note to the General Partner. The information contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report regarding the Note is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 3.03 Material Modifications to Rights of Security Holders**

On January 26, 2010, pursuant to the terms of the Repurchase Agreement, the General Partner, as general partner of the Partnership and on behalf of the limited partners of the Partnership, entered into the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership. The description of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership is incorporated by reference from Item 5.03 of this Current Report.

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

The information contained in Items 1.01 and 2.03 of this Current Report regarding the Repurchase Agreement and the Note is incorporated herein by reference.

On January 26, 2010, pursuant to the terms of the Repurchase Agreement, the General Partner, as general partner of the Partnership and on behalf of the limited partners of the Partnership, entered into the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership (the "New Partnership Agreement"). The New Partnership Agreement reflects the cancellation of the Old IDRs and the authorization and issuance of the New IDRs. The New IDRs provide for target distribution levels and distribution splits between the General Partner and the holders of the Partnership's common units equal to those applicable to the Old IDRs, except that (i) the General Partner's distribution split for distributions above the current second target distribution of \$0.575 per common unit per quarter (or \$2.30 per common unit on an annualized basis) and up to the third target distribution will increase to 37% from 25% (which percentages are inclusive of the General Partner's 2% interest) and (ii) the third target distribution will be increased from \$0.70 to \$1.5825 per common unit per quarter (or from \$2.80 to \$6.33 per common unit on an annualized basis).

The foregoing description of the New Partnership Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**  
*(d) Exhibits*

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<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 3.1	Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership.
Exhibit 10.1	Repurchase Agreement.
Exhibit 10.2	Promissory Note.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS LP.**

**By: Sunoco Partners LLC,**

**its General Partner**

**By: /s/ NEAL E. MURPHY  
Neal E. Murphy  
Chief Financial Officer**

**January 28, 2010**

**Philadelphia, PA**

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