

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)

December 27, 2002

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

333-88282

81-0551518

(State of Incorporation) (Commission File No) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3738 Oak Lawn, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas

75219

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(214) 559-0300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Item 5. Other Events.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a press release issued by Dorchester Hugoton, Ltd., Republic Royalty Company, and Spinnaker Royalty Company, L.P. on December 27, 2002 with respect to the Special Meeting of Unitholders/Limited Partners scheduled for December 30, 2002.

THE FOREGOING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO BUY, OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY, ANY SECURITIES. THE SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WILL BE OFFERED ONLY PURSUANT TO A PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT INCLUDED IN A REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED.

ALL PARTNERS OF DORCHESTER HUGOTON, REPUBLIC AND SPINNAKER ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT, AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND THE RELATED SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH PARTNER REQUESTING SUCH PARTNER'S VOTE, BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. A COPY OF THE PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT AND RELATED SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MAILED TO PARTNERS ON OCTOBER 31, 2002 AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 WAS MAILED DECEMBER 13, 2002 AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM DORCHESTER HUGOTON, REPUBLIC AND SPINNAKER ON REQUEST. THE PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT, SUPPLEMENTS THERETO AND RELATED SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S WORLD WIDE WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov).

Dorchester Hugoton, Republic and Spinnaker and their respective General Partners, directors and/or officers, as applicable, may be deemed under the

Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be "participants in the solicitation" of proxies from the security holders of Dorchester Hugoton, Republic and Spinnaker in favor of the transaction. SECURITY HOLDERS OF DORCHESTER HUGOTON, REPUBLIC AND SPINNAKER MAY OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERESTS OF THE "PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION" BY READING THE PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 27, 2002

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, hereunto duly authorized.

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.
Registrant

by Dorchester Minerals Management LP
its General Partner,
by Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC
its General Partner

Date: December 27, 2002

/s/ James E. Raley

James E. Raley
Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Item Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 27, 2002

Exhibit 99.1

NEWS RELEASE

Dorchester Hugoton Ltd.
Spinnaker Royalty Company L.P.

Release Date: December 27, 2002

Suite 300
3738 Oak Lawn Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75219

Contact: Dorchester Hugoton, Ltd. - James E. Raley (972)864-8610
Spinnaker Royalty Company, L.P. - William Casey McManemin (214)559-0300

DORCHESTER HUGOTON, LTD. AND SPINNAKER ROYALTY COMPANY, L.P. SPECIAL MEETINGS
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 30, 2002
WILL BE ADJOURNED UNTIL JANUARY 29, 2003

DALLAS, TEXAS - December 27, 2002 -- Dorchester Hugoton, Ltd. (Nasdaq: DHULZ) announced today that the Special Meeting of its Unitholders scheduled for December 30, 2002 will be adjourned until January 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn at 11350 LBJ Freeway at Jupiter Road, Dallas, Texas, 75238. Similarly, Spinnaker Royalty Company, L.P. also announced today that the Special Meeting of its Limited Partners scheduled for December 30, 2002 will be adjourned until January 29, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn at 11350 LBJ Freeway at Jupiter Road, Dallas, Texas, 75238. The reconvened meetings will be held to consider and vote upon the proposed combination of Dorchester Hugoton, Republic Royalty Company, and Spinnaker into Dorchester Minerals, L.P., a new publicly traded limited partnership.

The reason for the adjournments is to allow sufficient time for the Republic ORRI owners to finalize their consent. Approval of the combination requires the consent of all of the Republic ORRI owners. The adjournments will also provide the partners of Dorchester Hugoton, Republic and Spinnaker

additional time to consider modifications that the parties to the combination may make with respect to enhanced rights of Dorchester Minerals' common unit holders, further restrictions on Dorchester Minerals' general partner in the areas of partnership governance and acquisition opportunities, registration rights for the Republic ORRI owners and avoidance of unrelated business taxable income.

The respective general partners of Dorchester Hugoton, Republic and Spinnaker believe that such modifications will not change the fundamental economic terms of the combination and will be generally favorable to common unit holders of Dorchester Minerals. The total number of Dorchester Minerals common units to be issued in the combination and the number of common units that the partners of each partnership will receive will remain the same. Each unit of Dorchester Hugoton will be exchanged for one common unit of Dorchester Minerals. Each holder of Dorchester Hugoton units will receive a liquidating cash distribution upon the exchange of its Dorchester Hugoton units. It is not necessary for unitholders/limited partners to vote on the proposed combination again unless they wish to change their vote.

In connection with the proposed modifications and the adjournment of the special meetings, a supplement to Dorchester Minerals' prospectus/proxy statement may be distributed that describes the modifications. Additionally, the termination provisions of the combination agreement have been amended to allow for the later special meeting dates and the subsequent closing of the combination.

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