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**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): April 12, 2021**

**VIPER ENERGY PARTNERS LP**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>DE</b>	<b>001-36505</b>	<b>46-5001985</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

<b>500 West Texas Suite 1200</b>	<b>79701</b>
<b>Midland, TX</b>	(Zip code)
(Address of principal executive offices)	

**(432) 221-7400**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Units	VNOM	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Select Market)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 12, 2021, Viper Energy Partner LP issued a press release providing an operational update for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

<b>Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "Viper Energy Partners LP, a Subsidiary of Diamondback Energy, Inc., Provides First Quarter 2021 Operational Update."</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

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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.

VIPER ENERGY PARTNERS LP

By: Viper Energy Partners GP LLC,  
its general partner

Date: April 16, 2021

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick  
Name: Teresa L. Dick  
Title: Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and  
Assistant Secretary



## **VIPER ENERGY PARTNERS LP, A SUBSIDIARY OF DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC., PROVIDES FIRST QUARTER 2021 OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

MIDLAND, Texas, April 12, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Viper Energy Partners LP (NASDAQ:VNOM) ("Viper" or the "Company") today provided an operational update for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021.

### **FIRST QUARTER 2021 UPDATE**

- Q1 2021 average production of 15,500 bo/d (26,066 boe/d)
- 134 gross (2.5 net 100% royalty interest) horizontal wells turned to production on Viper's acreage during Q1 2021 with an average lateral length of 10,584 feet; Diamondback is the operator of 50 gross (2.1 net) of the total wells turned to production
- Q1 2021 unhedged realized prices of \$56.16 per barrel of oil, \$22.42 per barrel of natural gas liquids and \$2.77 per Mcf of natural gas, resulting in a total equivalent price of \$41.14 per boe
- Q1 2021 hedged realized prices of \$45.45 per barrel of oil, \$22.42 per barrel of natural gas liquids and \$2.77 per Mcf of natural gas, resulting in a total equivalent price of \$34.77 per boe
- Repurchased 869,965 common units in Q1 2021 for an aggregate of \$13.0 million

"Despite the adversity presented by Winter Storm Uri in February, Viper produced a strong first quarter as production fully returned from the negative impacts of the severe weather and Diamondback quickly resumed completion operations. We expect production to remain strong throughout the remainder of 2021, particularly in the back half of the year, as Diamondback plans to complete more wells with a higher interest net to Viper and third-party activity is expected to continue to strengthen relative to the levels experienced over the past several quarters," stated Travis Stice, Chief Executive Officer of Viper's general partner.

### **About Viper Energy Partners LP**

Viper is a limited partnership formed by Diamondback to own, acquire and exploit oil and natural gas properties in North America, with a focus on owning and acquiring mineral and royalty interests in oil-weighted basins, primarily the Permian Basin. For more information, please visit [www.viperenergy.com](http://www.viperenergy.com).

### **About Diamondback Energy, Inc.**

Diamondback is an independent oil and natural gas company headquartered in Midland, Texas focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore oil and natural gas reserves primarily in the Permian Basin in West Texas. For more information, please visit [www.diamondbackenergy.com](http://www.diamondbackenergy.com).

## Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements, other than historical facts, that address activities that Viper assumes, plans, expects, believes, intends or anticipates (and other similar expressions) will, should or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on management's current beliefs, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events, including specifically Diamondback's completion plans, development activity by third-party operators, commodity prices, effects of hedging arrangements and any impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the results to differ materially from those expected by the management of Viper. Information concerning these risks and other factors can be found in Viper's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, which can be obtained free of charge on the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Viper undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement.

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