Blackstone Group L.P. Form 4 July 29, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2016

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

L.P., 345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chairman and CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
	Security			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Blackstone Holdings Partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	07/27/2016		G(2)			610,986	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership units
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner name, reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	X		Chairman and CEO				

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Tabea Y. Hsi as Attorney-In-Fact

07/29/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P., Blackstone Holdings IV L.P. and Blackstone Holdings AI L.P. Subject to the minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone partnerships, the holder has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Blackstone Holdings partnership unit for one common unit of The Blackstone Group L.P. The Blackstone Holdings partnership units have no expiration date and may not be exchanged at any time prior to December 31, 2016 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.

A "Blackstone Holdings partnership" unit collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P.,

- Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units were previously held in a number of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts, for which the Reporting Person served as investment trustee and were transferred to a number of trusts, for which the beneficiaries are various descendants of the Reporting Person, and for which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee in accordance with the terms of the Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.
- (3) Reflects certain transfers made between a number of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts and the Reporting Person during 2014, 2015 and 2016. Such transfers were exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (4) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a number of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts, for which the Reporting Person serves as investment trustee.
- (5) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a number of trusts, for which the beneficiaries are various descendants of the Reporting Person, and for which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.
- (6) Reflects a transfer from a number of trusts for which the beneficiaries are various descendants of the Reporting Person, to the Reporting Person.
- (7) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a corporation in which the Reporting Person is a controlling shareholder.

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