JAMES HAMILTON E

Form 4

February 11, 2011

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

interests

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMES HAMILTON E		ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
C/O THE BLA			(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2010	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and COO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NEW YORK,	NY 10154		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip	Table I	- Non-Deri	ivative Sec	urities A	Cqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed of 4 and 5) (A) or	f	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common units representing limited partnership interests	02/09/2011		Code V C <u>(7)</u>	Amount 63,955		Price	0	D	
Common units representing limited partnership	02/09/2011		G(8) V	63,955	D \$	\$ 0	0	D	

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Common units representing limited partnership interests

See 10,000,000 I Footnote #6. (6)

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr.		5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		Date	7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Share
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	03/03/2010		G(2)	V	110,436	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	11
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	05/28/2010		G(3)	V	110,435	5 (1)	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	11
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	12/29/2010		G(4)	V	3,500,00	00 (1)	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	3,50
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	(1)	02/09/2011		C <u>(7)</u>		63,955	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	63

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Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	02/09/2011	G <u>(9)</u> V	24,045	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	24
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	Ш				<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	7,72

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
JAMES HAMILTON E						
C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.	X		President and COO			
345 PARK AVENUE	71		Tresident and Coo			
NEW YORK, NY 10154						

Signatures

Robert L. Friedman, 02/11/2011 Attorney-in-Fact Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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).

A "Blackstone Holdings partnership" unit collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P.. Subject to the minimum retained

- ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone partnerships, the Reporting **(1)** Person 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, 2011 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.
- The Reporting Person donated 110,436 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to a charitable foundation. **(2)**
- The Reporting Person donated 110,435 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to a charitable foundation. **(3)**
- The Reporting Person gifted 3,500,000 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's grand **(4)** children of which the Reporting Person is a trustee with investment power.
- These Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children of which the **(5)** Reporting Person is a trustee with investment power. The Reporting Person disclaimes beneficial ownership of the Blackstone Holdings partnership units held in this trust.
- **(6)** These common units units are held in a limited liability company beneficially owned by the Reporting Person and his spouse.
- Pursuant to an exchange agreement, the Reporting Person exchanged 63,955 Blackstone Holdings partnership units for an equal number **(7)** of common units of the The Blackstone Group L.P.

(8)The Reporting Person donated a total of 63,955 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to two organizations.

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(9) The Reporting Person donated a total of 24,045 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to a charitable foundation.

Remarks:

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Reporting Person herein states that this Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.