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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add JAMES HAM	•	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., 345 PARK AVENUE			Blackstone Group L.P. [BX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and COO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
NEW YORK, NY 10154				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Zi	Table	I - Non-De	rivative Sec	urities	Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	d of (D	` ′	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	04/28/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	500,000	D	\$ 19.1 (1)	9,500,000	I	See footnote (1)

partnership interests					_			(1)
Common units representing limited partnership interests	04/29/2011	S <u>(1)</u>	375,000	D	\$ 18.95 (1)	9,125,000	I	See footnote (1)

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Common units

interests

representing limited 05/02/2011 $S_{\underline{}}^{(1)}$ 375,000 D $\begin{array}{c} \$ \\ 18.72 \end{array}$ 8,750,000 I $\begin{array}{c} \text{See} \\ \text{footnote} \\ \underline{}^{(1)} \end{array}$

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.		Sec Acc or I (D)	str. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Blackstone Holdings Partnership units (2)	<u>(2)</u>	04/28/2011		G(3)	V		27,456	(2)	(2)	Common units representing limited partnership interests	27,45
Blackstone Holdings Partnership units (2)	<u>(2)</u>							(2)	(2)	Common units representing limited partnership interests	7,723,

Reporting Owners

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

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s:// Robert L. Friedman, Attorney-in-Fact

05/02/2011

**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).
- (1) These Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a limited liability company of which the Reporting Person and his spouse are the beneficial owners.
 - A "Blackstone Holdings partnership unit" collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I 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 Person has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Blackstone Holding 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 the transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.
- (3) The Reporting Person donated a total of 27,456 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to various charities.
 - These Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the of the Reporting Person's children, of which the
- (4) Reporting Person is a trustee with investment power. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Blackstone Holdings partnership units held in this trust.

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