Blackstone Group L.P. Form 8-K April 12, 2011

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 8, 2011

The Blackstone Group L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-33551 (Commission 20-8875684 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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345 Park Avenue

	New	York,	New	York	
(Addre	ss of p	princip	al exe	cutive	offices)

10154 (Zip Code)

(212) 583-5000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 8, 2011, Blackstone Holdings Finance Co. L.L.C., as borrower, and an indirect subsidiary of The Blackstone Group L.P., (the Partnership), and Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P., as guarantors, and each an indirect subsidiary of the Partnership, entered into an amendment (the First Amendment) to the \$1.020 billion revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility) with Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the Lender parties thereto. The First Amendment extended the maturity date of the Credit Facility from March 23, 2013 to April 8, 2016 and added a corporate ratings based pricing grid for purposes of determining the commitment fee and interest rate margin. The aggregate amount of borrowings available under the Credit Facility remains the same at \$1.020 billion.

The preceding is a summary of the terms of the First Amendment and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the First Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 10.1 First Amendment, dated as of April 8, 2011, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2010, among Blackstone Holdings Finance Co. L.L.C., as Borrower, Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., and

Blackstone Holdings IV L.P., as Guarantors, Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and the Lenders party thereto.

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.

Date: April 12, 2011

The Blackstone Group L.P.

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ John G. Finley Name: John G. Finley Title: Chief Legal Officer