

Blackstone Group L.P.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Chae Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
345 PARK AVENUE
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Blackstone Holdings partnership units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 07/01/2016 | A ⁽²⁾ | 981,883 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common units representing limited partner interests | 981,883 |
| Blackstone Holdings partnership units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common units representing limited partner interests | 1,000,000 |
| Blackstone Holdings partnership units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common units representing limited partner interests | 150,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Chae Michael 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as Attorney-In-Fact 08/26/2016

**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).
- (1) A "Blackstone Holdings partnership" unit collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings AI 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 holder has the rights, 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.

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Granted under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, these deferred restricted Blackstone Holdings partnership units will vest in six annual installments, with 163,647 units vesting on each of July 1, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 163,648 units vesting on July 1, 2024.

- (2) As these deferred restricted Blackstone Holdings partnership units vest, the underlying Blackstone Holdings partnership units will be delivered to the Reporting Person, except that 1/4 of the vested units will not be delivered until the sooner of the expiration of the Reporting Person's restrictive covenant period or 10 years from the vesting date.
- (3) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's family members, of which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.
- (4) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children, of which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported on this form except to the extent of his pecunia

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