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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 1, 2018, Xavier Niel was appointed to the Board of Directors of KKR Management LLC, the general partner of KKR & Co. L.P.

Mr. Niel will receive KKR Management LLC's customary cash compensation for its non-executive directors, which, as prorated, will be \$62,500 for 2018. In addition, the Board of Directors authorized a grant of 4,022 restricted equity units of KKR & Co. L.P. under its 2010 Equity Incentive Plan to Mr. Niel. Mr. Niel also entered into KKR Management LLC's and KKR & Co. L.P.'s customary indemnification agreement for non-executive directors.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Niel to the Board of Directors of KKR Management LLC is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 and the exhibit furnished hereunder shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall they be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>Exhibit 99.1</u> | Press release of KKR & Co. L.P., dated March 2, 2018, announcing the appointment of Xavier Niel as director (This exhibit is furnished and not filed). |

SIGNATURES

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.

KKR & CO. L.P.

By: KKR Management
LLC, its general partner

Date: March 2, 2018 By: /s/ Christopher Lee
Name: Christopher Lee
Title: Assistant Secretary
