

JAMES HAMILTON E
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JAMES HAMILTON E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP
 L.P., 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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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 partner interests	12/21/2012	Â	C4 ⁽²⁾	900,000 A \$ 0	900,000	D	Â
Common units representing limited	12/21/2012	Â	G ⁽³⁾	900,000 D \$ 0	0	D	Â

partner interests

Common units representing limited partner interests

^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ 11,250,000 I

See footnote (4)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	^	12/21/2012	^	C4 (2)	^	900,000	^ (1)	^ (1)	Common units representing limited partner interests	90
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	^	^	^	^	^	^	^ (1)	^ (1)	Common units representing limited partner interests	7,1

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	^

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as
Attorney-In-Fact

02/14/2013

__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).

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 Person 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, 2013 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.
- (1) Pursuant to an exchange agreement, the Reporting Person exchanged 900,000 Blackstone Holdings partnership units for an equal number of Blackstone common units.
- (2) The Reporting Person donated 900,000 Blackstone common units to a charitable account.
- (3) These units are held in a limited liability company beneficially owned by the Reporting Person, his spouse and the Children's Trust (as defined in footnote 5 below)
- (4) These units are held in a trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children (the "Children's Trust"), of which the Reporting Person is a trustee, but the Reporting Person does not have or share investment control with respect to the units.
- (5)

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Remarks:

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

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