

JAMES HAMILTON E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

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. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

04/25/2012

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 Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 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 partner interests | 04/25/2012                           |  | C <sup>(1)</sup>               | V   | 1,933,412 A \$ 0 1,933,412  | D  |   |
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 04/25/2012                           |  | G <sup>(6)</sup>               | V   | 1,933,412 D \$ 0 0  | D  |   |

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|---|------------|------------------|-------------|---|------|------------|---|------------------|
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 04/25/2012 | C <sup>(3)</sup> | 566,588     | A | \$ 0 | 566,588    | I | See footnote (4) |
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 04/25/2012 | G <sup>(7)</sup> | V 566,588   | D | \$ 0 | 0          | I | See footnote (4) |
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 04/25/2012 | G <sup>(6)</sup> | V 1,933,412 | A | \$ 0 | 10,683,412 | I | See footnote (5) |
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 04/25/2012 | G <sup>(7)</sup> | V 566,588   | A | \$ 0 | 11,250,000 | I | See footnote (5) |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount Number Shares                                    |
| Blackstone Holdings partnership units <sup>(1)</sup> | <u>(1)</u>   | 04/25/2012                           |  | C <sup>(2)</sup>               | 1,933,412   | <u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>                                    | Common units representing limited partner interests 1,933,412 |

|  |            |            |                  |         |            |            |   |    |
|--|------------|------------|------------------|---------|------------|------------|---|----|
| Blackstone Holdings partnership units <sup>(1)</sup> | <u>(1)</u> | 04/25/2012 | C <sup>(3)</sup> | 566,588 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common units representing limited partner interests | 56 |
|--|------------|------------|------------------|---------|------------|------------|---|----|

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| /s/ Robert L. Friedman,<br>Attorney-in-Fact    | 04/27/2012          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

## 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 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, 2012 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.
  - (2) Pursuant to an exchange agreement, the Reporting Person exchanged 1,933,412 Blackstone Holdings partnership units for an equal number of common units of The Blackstone Group L.P.
  - (3) Pursuant to an exchange agreement, a trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children (the "Trust"), of which the Reporting Person is a trustee with investment power, exchanged 566,588 Blackstone Holdings partnership units for an equal number of common units of The Blackstone Group L.P.
  - (4) These units are held by the Trust.
  - (5) These units are held in a limited liability company beneficially owned by the Reporting Person and his spouse (the "LLC").
  - (6) These units were transferred by the Reporting Person to the LLC.
  - (7) These units were transferred by the Trust to the LLC.

### 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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