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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 *
 Finley John G

(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)
 10/01/2010

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)
 Chief Legal Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 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 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	10/01/2010	A	500,000					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common units representing limited partner interests	500,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Finley John G C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154			Chief Legal Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher J. James as Attorney-in-Fact 10/01/2010

**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) Granted under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, these deferred restricted Blackstone Holdings Partnership units (which term refers collectively to a partnership unit in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P.) will vest ratably over five years on each anniversary of the grant date subject to Mr. Finley's continued employment with Blackstone. (Continued to footnote 2).
- (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 no more than ?? of the vested units will be delivered during his service with Blackstone (with the remaining units to be delivered after the completion of his restrictive covenant period). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the units may be delivered earlier upon a change in control of Blackstone.
- (3) Pursuant to an exchange agreement, holders of Blackstone Holdings Partnership units, subject to the vesting and minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone Holdings Partnerships, may up to four times each year (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement) exchange their Blackstone Holdings Partnership units for The Blackstone Group L.P. common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distribution and reclassifications. A Blackstone Holdings limited partner must exchange one partnership unit in each of the four Blackstone Holdings partnerships to effect an exchange for a common unit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the reported Blackstone Holdings partnership units may not be exchanged at any time prior to December 31, 2010 other than pursuant to transaction or programs approved by Blackstone.

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