

Carlyle Group L.P.
Form 8-K
March 28, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 28, 2013

The Carlyle Group L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35538
(Commission

File Number)

45-2832612
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C.
(Address of principal executive offices)

20004-2505
(Zip Code)

(202) 729-5626

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information required by this Item 1.01 is included in Item 2.03 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On March 28, 2013, The Carlyle Group L.P. (the Partnership), Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P., each indirect subsidiaries of the Partnership (collectively with the Partnership, the Guarantors), and Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., an indirect subsidiary of the Partnership (the Issuer), entered into an indenture (the Base Indenture), as supplemented by that certain first supplemental indenture (the First Supplemental Indenture and, together with the Base Indenture, the Indenture) with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the Trustee), relating to the issuance by the Issuer of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.625% Senior Notes due 2043 (the Notes).

The Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.625% per annum accruing from March 28, 2013. Interest is payable semiannually in arrears on March 30 and September 30 of each year, commencing on September 30, 2013. The Notes will mature on March 30, 2043 unless earlier redeemed or repurchased. The Notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer. The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed (the Guarantees), jointly and severally, by each of the Guarantors. The Guarantees are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantors. All or a portion of the Notes may be redeemed at the Issuer's option in whole, at any time, or in part, from time to time, prior to their stated maturity, at the make-whole redemption price set forth in the Notes. If a change of control repurchase event occurs, the Notes are subject to repurchase by the Issuer at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

The Indenture includes covenants, including limitations on the Issuer's and the Guarantors' ability to, subject to exceptions, incur indebtedness secured by liens on voting stock or profit participating equity interests of their subsidiaries or merge, consolidate or sell, transfer or lease assets. The Indenture also provides for customary events of default and further provides that the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period. In the case of specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or reorganization, the principal amount of the Notes and any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes automatically will become due and payable.

The preceding is a summary of the terms of the Indenture and the Notes, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Base Indenture attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1, the First Supplemental Indenture attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2 and the form of the Notes attached hereto as Exhibit 4.3, each of which is incorporated herein by reference as though they were fully set forth herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 4.1 | Indenture dated as of March 28, 2013 among Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. |
| 4.2 | First Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 28, 2013 among Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. |
| 4.3 | Form of 5.625% Senior Note due 2043 (included in Exhibit 4.2 hereto). |

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: March 28, 2013

The Carlyle Group L.P.

By: Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.,

its general partner

By: /s/ Adena T. Friedman

Name: Adena T. Friedman

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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