GRAY JONATHAN

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

GRAY JONATHAN

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/24/2012

Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP, Â 345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

X Director

Officer

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10154

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

Exercisable Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

or Exercise Price of Derivative

Conversion

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date **Expiration Title**

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Security Direct (D)

5.

or Indirect (I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	(1)	(1)	Common units representing limited partner interests	29,915,242	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	(1)	(1)	Common units representing limited partner interests	8,066,571	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	See footnote (2)
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	(1)	(1)	Common units representing limited partner interests	2,603,487	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	See footnote (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GRAY JONATHAN C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Tabea Y. Hsi as Attorney-in-Fact 03/07/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

Date

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A "Blackstone Holdings partnership unit" collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P., and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P. (the "Blackstone Holdings partnerships"). Subject to the minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone Holdings partnerships, the Reporting Person has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Blackstone Holdings partnership unit for one common unit of The Blackstone Group L.P. The Blackstone

- agreements of the Blackstone Holdings partnerships, the Reporting Person has the right, 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.
- These Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust for which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.
- (3) These Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children, of which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Blackstone Holdings

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partnership units held in this trust.

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