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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Chae Michael

(First) (Middle)

(Last)

345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of

(State)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (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	Amoun Number Shares
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	(1)	07/01/2016		A(2)	981,883	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partner interests	981,8
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	(1)					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partner interests	1,000
Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partner interests	150,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chae Michael

345 PARK AVENUE Chief Financial Officer

NEW YORK, NY 10154

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as Attorney-In-Fact 08/26/2016

**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 holder 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, 2016 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.

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- Granted under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, these deferred restricted Blackstone Holdings partnership units will vest in six annual installments, with 163,647 units vesting on each of July 1, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 163,648 units vesting on July 1, 2024.
- (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 1/4 of the vested units will not be delivered until the sooner of the expiration of the Reporting Person's restrictive covenant period or 10 years from the vesting date.
- (3) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's family members, of which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.
- (4) Such 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.

Remarks:

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