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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GRAUER PETER T**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Blackstone Group L.P. [BX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/26/2017

X_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

Other (specify

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., 345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10154

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 6. Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A)

Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

units

partner interests

representing limited

01/26/2017

 $A^{(1)}$

4.811 Α \$0 10,638

D

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

GRAUER PETER T C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154

X

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as 01/30/2017 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Granted under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, these deferred restricted units will vest, and the underlying common units will be (1) delivered, on January 26, 2018 subject to the Reporting Person's continued service on the board of directors of Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., the general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P.

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