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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Tosi Laurence A

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/02/2008

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

Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

(Check all applicable)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

AVENUE

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner

Other (give title below) (specify 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

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5) Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (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)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. 5. Conversion Ownership Form of or Exercise Derivative Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Security: Derivative Security Direct (D)

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Shares or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tosi Laurence A

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK. NYÂ 10154

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Chief Financial Officer \hat{A}

Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Friedman as Attorney-in-Fact 09/03/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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

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Remarks:

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