

STONEMOR PARTNERS LP  
Form SC 13D/A  
May 01, 2019  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 5)\*

StoneMor Partners L.P.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Units Representing Limited Partnership  
Interests  
(Title of Class of Securities)

86183Q100  
(CUSIP Number)

Axar Capital Management, LP

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and  
Communications)

April 30, 2019  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This  
Statement)

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**1** NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Axar Capital Management, LP

**2** CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b)  $\dot{y}$  OF A GROUP

**3** SEC USE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS

**4** AF (see Item 3) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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Axar GP, LLC  
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**1** NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Andrew Axelrod

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This Amendment No. 5 ("Amendment No. 5") amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 9, 2018 (the "Original Schedule 13D"), as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the SEC on August 1, 2018 ("Amendment No. 1"), Amendment No. 2 filed with the SEC on September 28, 2018 ("Amendment No. 2"), Amendment No. 3 filed with the SEC on October 29, 2018 ("Amendment No. 3," and Amendment No. 4 filed with the SEC on February 5, 2019 ("Amendment No. 4," and together with the Original Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3 and this Amendment No. 5, the "Schedule 13D") with respect to the Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests (the "Common Units"), of StoneMor Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined in this Amendment No. 5 shall have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 5 amends Items 3, 4, 5(a)-(c), 6 and 7 as set forth below.

**Item**  
**3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION**

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Funds for the purchase of the Common Units reported herein were derived from general working capital of the Axar Vehicles. A total of approximately \$51,449,176 was paid to acquire the Common Units reported herein.

**Item**  
**4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION**

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

On April 30, 2019, the Axar Entities entered into a Second Amendment to the VSA (the "VSA Second Amendment") with the ACII Entities, the General Partner, and the Issuer (the "Second Amending Parties"), pursuant to which the VSA was amended to terminate the earliest of (x) the Expiration Date (as defined in the VSA), (y) the date of any amendment to the Merger Agreement (as defined in the VSA) that adversely affects the rights of any Axar Entity without the written consent of the Axar Entities, and (z) October 1, 2019.

The foregoing description is a summary of the VSA Second Amendment, and such summary does not purport to be complete, and thus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such document, which is referenced as Exhibit 9 to this Schedule 13D and is also incorporated herein by reference.

**INTEREST IN**  
**Item 5. SECURITIES OF**  
**THE ISSUER**

Items 5(a), (b) and (c)  
of the Schedule 13D  
are hereby amended  
and restated as  
follows:

(a) The percentages used in this Schedule 13D are calculated based upon 38,260,471 Common Units reported to be outstanding as of March 29, 2019 in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2019.

See rows (11) and (13) of the cover pages to this

Schedule  
13D for the  
aggregate  
number of  
Common  
Units and  
percentage  
of the  
Common  
Units  
beneficially  
owned by  
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Reporting  
Persons.

(b) See rows (7)  
through (10)  
of the cover  
pages to this  
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Units as to  
which each  
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the sole or  
shared power  
to vote or  
direct the  
vote and sole  
or shared  
power to  
dispose or to  
direct the  
disposition.

(c) Information  
concerning  
transactions  
in the  
Common  
Units  
effected by  
the  
Reporting  
Persons  
during the  
past sixty

days is set  
forth in  
Schedule A  
hereto and is  
incorporated  
herein by  
reference.

**CONTRACTS,  
ARRANGEMENTS,  
UNDERSTANDINGS  
OR  
Item 6. RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH RESPECT  
TO SECURITIES  
OF THE ISSUER**

The first paragraph of Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated, as follows:

The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have economic exposure to an additional 1,536,717 Common Units pursuant to certain cash-settled equity swaps each between an Axar Vehicle and a broker-dealer counterparty. The cash-settled equity swaps shall continue until terminated as elected by the parties, and currently have an initial reference termination date of June 20, 2022. The reference prices for such swaps range from \$3.1227 to \$7.5565. The Reporting Persons do not have voting power or dispositive power with respect to the Common Units referenced in such swaps and disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares underlying such swaps.



**Item 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS**

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Exhibit 9: Second Amendment to the Voting and Support Agreement, dated April 30, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Form 8-K, filed by the Issuer on May 1, 2019).

**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 1, 2019

**AXAR CAPITAL Management, LP**

By: Axar GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Andrew Axelrod  
Name: Andrew Axelrod  
Title: Sole Member

**AXAR GP, LLC**

By: /s/ Andrew Axelrod  
Name: Andrew Axelrod  
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Andrew Axelrod  
**ANDREW AXELROD**

## Schedule A

**Transactions in Common Units of the Issuer During the Last 60 Days**

The following table sets forth all transactions in the Common Units effected by the Reporting Persons in the past sixty days. Except as otherwise noted, all such transactions were effected in the open market through brokers and the price per share is net of commissions.

**Trade Date Shares Purchased (Sold) Price Per Share (\$)**

03/08/2019	7,221	3.7435
03/11/2019	4,980	3.6950
03/12/2019	415	3.6900
03/14/2019	5,976	3.7481
03/15/2019	1,328	3.7276
03/18/2019	377	3.7500
03/19/2019	13,778	3.7460
03/20/2019	14,608	3.7388
03/22/2019	15,023	3.7400
03/25/2019	6,142	3.7082
03/26/2019	12,284	3.7314
03/27/2019	9,296	3.7440
03/28/2019	9,378	3.7458