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FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2010

Check here if Amendment [_]; Amendment Number: ____

This Amendment (Check only one.): [_] is a restatement.

[_] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Blackstone Group L.P.

Address: 345 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10154

Form 13F File Number: 28-13114

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Robert L. Friedman Title: Authorized Person Phone: (212) 583-5000

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Robert L. Friedman New York, NY May 17, 2010
-----[Signature] [City, State] [Date]

Report Type (Check only one):

[X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

- [_] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- [_] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 2

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 32

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$3,484,979 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

| Number | Form 13F File Number | Name | | | | | |
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| 1 | 28-13113 | Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P. | | | | | |
| 2 | 28-12332 | GSO Capital Partners LP | | | | | |

Explanatory Notes:

(1) The Blackstone Group L.P. is managed and operated by its general partner, Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., which is in turn wholly-owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman, one of its founders.

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.

FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2010

| Name of Issuer | Title of Class | CUSIP | Value (x \$1000) | Shrs or prn amt | | Investment Discretion | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|----|-----------------------|---|
| ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS | | | | | | | |
| CORP | COM | 018581108 | \$ 96,406 | 1,513,677 | SH | SOLE | 1 |
| BEAZER HOMES USA INC | COM | 07556Q 10 5 | \$ 9,930 | 2,187,231 | SH | SOLE | 2 |
| BIOSCRIP INC | COM | 09069N 10 8 | \$ 2,527 | 316 , 327 | SH | SOLE | |
| CHINA DIGITAL TV HLDG | | | | | | | |
| CO LTD | SPON ADR | 16938G 10 7 | \$ 704 | 95 , 900 | SH | SOLE | |
| CHINA PETE & CHEM CORP | SPON ADR | | | | | | |
| | H SHS | 16941R108 | \$ 552 | 6,714 | SH | SOLE | |

| COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|--------|--------|
| SOLUTIO | CL A | 192446102 | \$ 1,427 | 28,000 | SH | SOLE |
| DR REDDYS LABS LTD | ADR | 256135203 | \$ 1,615 | 57,200 | SH | SOLE |
| GRAHM PACKAGING | | | | | | |
| HOLDINGS COMPANY | COM | 384701 10 8 | \$505 , 709 | 40,295,506 | SH | SOLE |
| HOLLYSYS AUTOMATION | | | | | | |
| TECHNOLO | SHS | G45667 10 5 | \$ 255 | 22,193 | SH | SOLE |
| HSBC HLDGS PLC | SPON ADR | | | | | |
| | NEW | 404280406 | \$ 495 | 9,775 | SH | SOLE |
| ICICI BK LTD | ADR | 45104G104 | \$ 5,051 | 118,300 | SH | SOLE |
| ISHARES | MSCI | | | | | |
| | TAIWAN | 464286731 | \$ 507 | 40,375 | SH | SOLE |
| ISHARES | RUSSELL | | | | | |
| | 2000 | 464287 65 5 | \$ 573 | 500,000 | SH PUT | SOLE 2 |
| LODGIAN INC | COM PAR \$.01 | 54021P403 | \$ 3,370 | 1,326,909 | SH | SOLE |
| LORAL SPACE & | | | | | | |
| COMMUNICATNS I | COM | 543881 10 6 | \$ 1,667 | 47,468 | SH | SOLE 2 |
| NETEASE COM INC | SPON ADR | 64110W102 | \$ 584 | 16,454 | SH | SOLE |
| NEW ORIENTAL ED & | | | | | | |
| TECH GRP I | SPON ADR | 647581107 | \$ 541 | 6,329 | SH | SOLE |

| Name of Issuer | Title of Class | CUSIP | | | Shrs or prn amt | | | Investment Discretion | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|------|----------|-----------------|----|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| ORBITZ WORLDWIDE | | | | | | | | | |
| INC | COM | 68557K109 | \$ | 391,381 | 55,046,598 | SH | | SOLE | 1 |
| REPUBLIC SVCS INC | | 760759100 | | | 21,575,772 | | | | (|
| SANDRIDGE ENERGY | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| INC | | | | | 1,111,111 | | | | |
| SOHU COM INC | | | | | 13,305 | - | | | |
| SPDR TR | | | | | , | SH | | SOLE | |
| SPDR TR | S&P 500 ETF | 78462F 10 | 3 \$ | 533 | 1,500,000 | SH | PUT | SOLE | |
| SPDR TR | S&P 500 ETF | 78462F 10 | 3 \$ | 1,740 | 3,000,000 | SH | PUT | SOLE | - 1 |
| SPDR TR | S&P 500 ETF | 78462F 10 | 3 \$ | 2,285 | 1,000,000 | SH | PUT | SOLE | - 1 |
| STANDARD PAC | | | | | | | | | - 1 |
| CORP NEW | COM | 85375C101 | \$ | 17,281 | 3,823,200 | SH | | SOLE | - 1 |
| TATA MTRS LTD | SPON ADR | 876568 50 | 2 \$ | 2,016 | 109,200 | SH | | SOLE | |
| TEAM HEALTH | | | | | | | | | |
| HOLDINGS, INC | COM | 87817A 10 | \$ | 744,014 | 44,286,562.51 | SH | | SOLE | |
| TRW AUTOMOTIVE | | | | | | | | | |
| HLDGS CORP | COM | 87264S106 | \$1 | ,029,507 | 36,021,930 | SH | | SOLE | |
| VERSO PAPER CORP | | | | | 1,303,700 | | | SOLE | |
| VITAMIN SHOPPE | | | | • | | | | | |
| INC | COM | 92849E 10 | 1 \$ | 312 | 13,882 | SH | | SOLE | |
| WIPRO LTD- ADR | | | | - | -, | | | | |
| | SH | 97651M109 | \$ | 1,223 | 52,900 | SH | | SOLE | |

⁽a) The Orbitz Worldwide, Inc. shares reported herein are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment discretion of Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) V Ltd., of which Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman is a controlling person.

⁽b) The Republic Services, Inc. shares reported herein are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment

discretion of Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman.