

Blackstone Group L.P.
Form 8-K
October 16, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 16, 2008**

THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-33551	20-8875684
<i>(State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>(Commission</i>	<i>(IRS Employer</i>
<i>of incorporation)</i>	<i>File Number)</i>	<i>Identification No.)</i>

345 Park Avenue
New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10154
(Zip Code)
(212) 583-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 22, 2007, The Blackstone Group L.P. (the Partnership) entered into a letter agreement (the Original Letter Agreement) with Beijing Wonderful Investments Ltd. (BWIL), an investment vehicle subsequently transferred to China Investment Corporation, pursuant to which the Partnership sold 101,334,234 non-voting common units to BWIL concurrently with its initial public offering. The Original Letter Agreement included a standstill restriction prohibiting BWIL and certain of its affiliates from purchasing such additional amounts of the Partnership s common units as would result in BWIL and certain of its affiliates aggregate beneficial ownership in the Partnership, on a fully-diluted (as-converted) basis, exceeding 9.99%. On October 16, 2008, the parties entered into a new letter agreement, amending the Original Letter Agreement to raise the beneficial ownership limit applicable to BWIL and its affiliates to 12.5% and to provide that any additional common units acquired by BWIL or its affiliates shall not be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in the Original Letter Agreement.

A copy of the new letter agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.16.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 10.16.1	Letter Agreement, dated October 16, 2008, between The Blackstone Group L.P. and Beijing Wonderful Investments Ltd., amending the Letter Agreement, dated May 22, 2007, between The Blackstone Group L.P. and Beijing Wonderful Investments Ltd.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

The Blackstone Group L.P.

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its
general partner

Date: October 16, 2008

By: /s/ Robert L. Friedman
Name: Robert L. Friedman

Title: Chief Legal Officer