

Solotar Joan
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Solotar Joan
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Sr Managing Dir, Public Mkts

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP, 345 PARK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

NEW YORK, NY 10154
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	(A)	(D)				
Blackstone Holdings Partnership units ⁽¹⁾	11/12/2009	G ⁽²⁾	533	⁽¹⁾	Common units representing limited partnership units	533

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Solotar Joan C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154			Sr Managing Dir, Public Mkts	

Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Friedman as Attorney-In-Fact 02/11/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- A "Blackstone Holdings partnership unit" collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P. Subject to the minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone Holdings partnerships, the Reporting Person has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Blackstone Holding partnership unit for one common unit of The Blackstone Group L.P. The Blackstone Holdings partnership units have no expiration date and may not be exchanged at any time prior to December 31, 2010 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.
- (2) The Reporting Person donated 533 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to a charitable foundation.

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