

Blackstone Group L.P.  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 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):* **March 3, 2008**

**THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction)*

**001-33551**  
*(Commission*  
*File Number)*

**20-8875684**  
*(IRS Employer*

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*of incorporation)*

*Identification No.)*

**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)*

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 March 4, 2008, Blackstone issued a press release announcing the closing of its acquisition of GSO Capital Partners LP. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

**Exhibit No. Description**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated March 4, 2008.

**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: March 4, 2008

By: /s/ Robert L. Friedman

Name: Robert L. Friedman

Title: Chief Legal Officer