

MEMORANDUM

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Analysis of Distribution to be Made on February 13, 2017

Qualified Notice

Withholding Information

DATE: January 26, 2017

Withholding Information

In accordance with IRS Regulation Section 1.1446-4, this is a **Qualified Notice** with respect to the distribution of \$0.47 per unit declared on January 26, 2017 by The Blackstone Group L.P. to be paid on February 13, 2017. The date of record is at the close of business on February 6, 2017. The distribution consists of the following components:

\$0.085 U.S. Portfolio Income - Interest (See Note A below)

\$0.027 U.S. Portfolio Income – Dividend

\$0.071 U.S. Long Term Capital Gains

\$0.043 Non-U.S. Long Term Capital Gains

\$0.135 Income Not from U.S. Sources

\$0.109 Return of Capital

\$0.470 Total Distribution Per Unit (See Note B below)

Note A: This is eligible for the U.S. portfolio interest exemption for BX unit holders who are not a 10 percent unit holder within the meaning of I.R.C. Section 871(h)(3)(B).

Note B: A common unit holder's allocable share of BX's taxable income may differ from the distribution amount.