

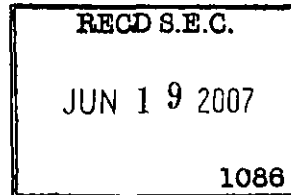


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Ms. Velma T. Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on June 19, 2007. Tentative listing date - June 22, 2007.

Sincerely,

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