

January 7, 2014

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Re: The Carlyle Group L.P.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012
Filed March 14, 2013
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2013
Filed November 12, 2013
File No. 001-35538

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Attention: Michael Seaman, Esq.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Company") is aware of its obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Company acknowledges that:

- the Company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filings;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filings; and
- the Company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Very truly yours,

THE CARLYLE GROUP L.P.

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

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ferguson

Name: Jeffrey W. Ferguson

Title: Managing Director, General Counsel