
**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): January 15, 2013

The Carlyle Group L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-35538
(Commission
File Number)

45-2832612
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

20004-2505
(Zip Code)

(202) 729-5626
(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 15, 2013, The Carlyle Group L.P. issued a press release announcing the intention of Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C., an indirect subsidiary of The Carlyle Group L.P., to offer senior notes guaranteed by The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated January 15, 2013.

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 CARLYLE GROUP L.P.

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

Date: January 15, 2013

By: _____ /s/ Adena T. Friedman

Name: Adena T. Friedman

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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THE CARLYLE GROUP

News Release

For Immediate Release
January 15, 2013

Carlyle to Offer Senior Notes

Washington, DC – Global alternative asset manager The Carlyle Group L.P. (NASDAQ: CG) today announced its intention to offer, subject to market and other conditions, senior notes of Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C., its indirect subsidiary. The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by The Carlyle Group L.P. and its indirect subsidiaries, Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. Carlyle intends to use a portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to repay outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility of its senior credit facility, a portion of which borrowings were used, together with cash on hand, to fund the cash consideration paid in connection with the initial closing of its acquisition of interests in NGP Management Company, L.L.C. Any remaining net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including the prepayment of the initial amortization amount due under its term loan.

The notes will be offered and sold to qualified institutional buyers in the United States pursuant to Rule 144A and outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933.

The notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and applicable state laws.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to purchase the notes or any other securities, and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. This news release is being issued pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 135c under the Securities Act of 1933.

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