

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Blackstone Group L.P.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) 345 PARK AVENUE, (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10154 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2010	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CHENIERE ENERGY INC [LNG]</b>		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	134,889	I	(See Footnotes) <a href="#">(1)</a> <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a> <a href="#">(4)</a> <a href="#">(5)</a> <a href="#">(6)</a> <a href="#">(7)</a> <a href="#">(8)</a>
Common Stock	2,716,119	I	(See Footnotes) <a href="#">(1)</a> <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a> <a href="#">(4)</a> <a href="#">(5)</a> <a href="#">(6)</a> <a href="#">(7)</a> <a href="#">(8)</a>
Common Stock	2,377,825	I	(See Footnotes) <a href="#">(1)</a> <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a> <a href="#">(4)</a> <a href="#">(5)</a> <a href="#">(6)</a> <a href="#">(7)</a> <a href="#">(8)</a>
Common Stock	4,402,174	I	(See Footnotes) <a href="#">(1)</a> <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a> <a href="#">(4)</a> <a href="#">(5)</a> <a href="#">(6)</a> <a href="#">(7)</a> <a href="#">(8)</a>
Common Stock	116,672	I	(See Footnotes) <a href="#">(1)</a> <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a> <a href="#">(4)</a> <a href="#">(5)</a> <a href="#">(6)</a> <a href="#">(7)</a> <a href="#">(8)</a>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackstone Group L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154		X		
Blackstone Holdings I L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154		X		
Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154		X		
Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154		X		

SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154		X		
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## Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Friedman, Authorized Signatory, Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner for THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.		12/23/2010
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

GSO Special Situations Funds LP, GSO Special Situations Overseas Master Fund, Ltd., GSO COF Facility LLC and Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P. (collectively, the "GSO Funds") respectively hold 2,716,119, 2,377,825, 4,402,174, and 116,672 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.003 per share, of the Issuer. GSO Capital Partners LP directly holds 134,889 shares of Common Stock.

(2) GSO Capital Partners LP is the investment manager or collateral manager of each of the GSO Funds (other than Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P.), and in that respect holds discretionary investment authority for each of them, and, accordingly, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds (other than Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P.). GSO Advisor Holdings L.L.C. is the general partner of GSO Capital Partners LP, and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds (other than Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P.). Blackstone Distressed Securities Advisors L.P. is the investment manager of Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P., and in that respect holds discretionary investment authority for, and, accordingly, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P. (Continued in footnote 3)

(3) Blackstone DD Advisors L.L.C. is the general partner of Blackstone Distressed Securities Advisors L.P., and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P.

Blackstone Holdings I L.P. is the sole member of each of GSO Advisor Holdings L.L.C. and Blackstone DD Advisors L.L.C., and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds. Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc. is the general partner of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds. The Blackstone Group L.P. is the controlling shareholder of Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc., and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is the general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P., and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds. (Continued in footnote 5)

(5) Stephen A. Schwarzman is the founding member of Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds. In addition, each of Bennett J. Goodman, J. Albert Smith III and Douglas I. Ostrover may have shared investment control with respect to the shares held by the GSO Funds (other than Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P.), and, accordingly, may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the GSO Funds (other than Blackstone Distressed Securities Fund L.P.).

(6) Due to the limitations of the electronic filing system, GSO COF Facility LLC, GSO Capital Partners LP, GSO Advisor Holdings L.L.C., Bennett J. Goodman, J. Albert Smith III and Douglas I. Ostrover are filing a separate Form 3.

(7) Information with respect to each of the Reporting Persons is given solely by such Reporting Persons, and no Reporting Person has responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information supplied by another Reporting Person.

Each of the Reporting Persons, other than the GSO Funds and GSO Capital Partners LP, disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by each of the GSO Funds and GSO Capital Partners LP, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein, and, pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the Reporting Persons, other than the GSO Funds and GSO Capital Partners LP, states that the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

## Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 - Joint Filer Information

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Joint Filer Information

Date of Event Requiring Statement: December 17, 2010  
Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: Cheniere Energy Inc [LNG]

Designated Filer: The Blackstone Group L.P.

Other Joint Filers: Blackstone Holdings I L.P.  
Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc.  
Blackstone Group Management L.L.C.  
Stephen A. Schwarzman

Addresses: The address of the principal business and principal office of each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc., Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. and Stephen A. Schwarzman is c/o The Blackstone Group L.P., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154.

Signatures:  
Dated: December 23, 2010

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS I L.P.

By: Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc.,  
its general partner

By: /s/ Robert L. Friedman  
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Name: Robert L. Friedman  
Title: Authorized Signatory

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS I/II GP INC.

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BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

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STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN

By: /s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman  
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Name: Stephen A. Schwarzman