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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 1

Form S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

KKR & CO. L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

6282

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

26-0426107

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9 West 57 th Street, Suite 4200 New York, NY 10019 Telephone: (212) 750-8300

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

David J. Sorkin, Esq. **General Counsel** KKR & Co. L.P. 9 West 57 th Street, Suite 4200 New York, NY 10019

Telephone: (212) 750-8300 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Joseph H. Kaufman, Esq. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017-3954 Telephone: (212) 455-2000

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Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale of the securities to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

| If any of the securities being offered only in connection with di | | | | to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities |
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| | ates that this Registrat | tion Statement shall thereafte | dates as may be necessary to r become effective in accord | o delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further lance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the 6(a), may determine. |
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.

The following table sets forth the expenses payable by the Registrant in connection with the issuance and distribution of the common units being registered hereby. All amounts except the filing fee are estimated.

| Filing Fee—Securities and Exchange Commission | \$ 6,421.03 |
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| Fees and Expenses of Counsel | 45,000.00 |
| Fees and Expenses of Accountants | 15,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 20,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 86,421.03 |

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions set forth in the applicable partnership agreement, Section 17-108 of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act empowers a Delaware limited partnership to indemnify and hold harmless any partner or other persons from and against all claims and demands whatsoever. The section of the prospectus entitled "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement—Indemnification" and "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions, and Director Independence—Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Others" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, which is incorporated herein by reference, discloses that we will generally indemnify our Managing Partner and the officers, directors and affiliates of our Managing Partner, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against all losses, claims, damages or similar events and is incorporated by reference herein.

We currently maintain liability insurance for directors and officers of our Managing Partner. Such insurance would be available to directors and officers of our Managing Partner in accordance with its terms.

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- 3.1 Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the KKR & Co. L.P. registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-165414) filed on March 12, 2010).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the KKR & Co. L.P. Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 20, 2010).
- 3.3 Certificate of Formation of the Managing Partner of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Registration Statement).
- 3.4 Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Managing Partner of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the KKR & Co. L.P. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 4, 2011).
- 5.1 Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.*
- 8.1 Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP regarding certain tax matters.
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.*

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- 23.2 Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).*
- 23.3 Consent of Simpson Thacher & Barlett LLP (included as part of Exhibit 8.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney.*

* Previously filed.

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (a) (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that Paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)) that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made

pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date;

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in New York, New York, on the 26 th day of April, 2013.

KKR & Co. L.P.

By: KKR Management LLC Its General Manager

By: /s/ DAVID J. SORKIN

| * Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) of KKR Management LLC * Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) of KKR Management LLC * Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) of KKR Management LLC * Director of KKR Management LLC * April 26, 2013 * Director of KKR Management LLC * April 26, 2013 * Director of KKR Management LLC * April 26, 2013 * Director of KKR Management LLC * April 26, 2013 * Director of KKR Management LLC * April 26, 2013 * Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) of KKR Management LLC * By: /s/ DAVID J. SORKIN * Attorney-in-Fact | | <u>Signature</u> | Name Title: | David J. Sorkin Secretary Title | Date | |
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| Attorney-in-Fact | *By: | /s/ DAVID J. SORKIN | | | | |
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SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP 425 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017-3954 (212) 455-2000

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April 26, 2013

KKR & Co. L.P. 9 West 57th Street, Suite 4200 New York, New York 10019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to KKR & Co. L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-187894) (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Partnership with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the issuance and sale by the Partnership from time to time of an aggregate of up to 2,500,000 common units representing limited partner interests ("Common Units") as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus") and supplements to the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act.

We have examined (i) the Registration Statement, (ii) the Prospectus, (iii) the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of KKR & Co. L.P. dated as of July 14, 2010 (the "Partnership Agreement"), among KKR Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the general partner of the Partnership, and the limited partners party thereto, (iv) the Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of KKR Management Holdings L.P. dated as of October 1, 2009, among KKR Management Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation, as general partner, and the limited partners party thereto, (v) the Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of KKR Fund Holdings L.P. dated as of October 1, 2009, among KKR Group Holdings, L.P., an exempted limited partnership formed under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and KKR Fund Holdings GP Limited, an exempted limited company formed under the laws of the Cayman Islands, as general partners, and the limited partners party thereto, and (vi) the representation letter of KKR Management LLC dated April 26, 2013 delivered to us in connection with this opinion (the "Representation Letter"). We have also examined originals or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Partnership, and have made such other and further investigations, as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth. As to matters of fact material to this opinion, we have relied upon certificates and comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the Representation Letter.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. We have further assumed that any documents will be executed by the parties in the forms provided to and reviewed by us and that the representations made by KKR Management LLC in the Representation Letter are true, complete and correct and will remain true, complete and correct at all times.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein and in the Prospectus, the discussion set forth in the Prospectus under the caption "Material U.S. Federal Tax Considerations", insofar as it expresses conclusions as to the application of United States federal income tax law, is our opinion as to the material United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the Partnership's Common Units.

We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the federal tax law of the United States.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

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Exhibit 8.1