## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Blackstone Holdings III L.P. (Last) (First) (Middle)					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Kosmos Energy Ltd. [ KOS ]     3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     01/18/2017									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10154													Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
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		-	Table	e I - Non-D	eriv	ative S	Sec	urit	ies A	cqu	uired, Dis	spos	sed of	f, or l	Ben	eficia	ally Own	ed		
Date			ansaction th/Day/Year)	/Day/Year) if an		Deemed cution Date, וע nth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr 5)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							c	Code V		Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Re Price Tr		owing orted saction(s) r. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)				
Common Shares		01,	/18/2017					S		12,643,	161	D	\$6.5	<b>\$</b> 6.58 <sup>(1)</sup> 77		781,209	I	See Footnotes	(2)(7)(8)(9)(10)	
Common Shares		01,	/18/2017					S		206,18	35	D	\$6.5	8(1)	1,2	268,459	I	See Footnotes	(3)(7)(8)(9)(10)	
Common Shares			01,	/18/2017					S		334,865		D	<b>\$6.58</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		2,060,103		I	See Footnotes	(4)(7)(8)(9)(10)
Common Shares			01,	/18/2017	7				S		278,03	37	D	\$6.5	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,7	710,492	Ι	See Footnotes	(5)(7)(8)(9)(10)
Common Shares		01,	/18/2017				S		37,75	2	D	<b>\$6.58</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		232,249		Ι	See Footnotes	(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)		
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#### Explanation of Responses:

1. This amount represents the \$6.65 public offering price per common share, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Shares"), of Kosmos Energy Ltd. (the "Issuer"), less the underwriting discount of \$0.07 per Common Share.

2. These Common Shares are held by Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BCP Cayman IV").

3. These Common Shares are held by Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV-A L.P. ("BCP Cayman IV-A").

4. These Common Shares are held by Blackstone Family Investment Partnership (Cayman) IV-A L.P. ("BFIP").

5. These Common Shares are held by Blackstone Family Investment Partnership (Cayman) IV-A SMD L.P. ("BFIP SMD").

6. These Common Shares are held by Blackstone Participation Partnership (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BPP", together with BCP Cayman IV, BCP Cayman IV-A, BFIP and BFIP SMD, the "Blackstone Funds").

7. The general partner of BFIP SMD is Blackstone Family GP L.L.C., which is wholly owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman, its founder. The general partner of BCP Cayman IV and BCP Cayman IV-A is Blackstone Management Associates (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BMA"). A general partner of BMA, BFIP, and BPP is BCP IV GP L.L.C ("BCP IV"). Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. The sole member of Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is Blackstone Group L.P. The general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. is Blackstone Holdings III CP Management L.L.C. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman.

8. Due to the limitations of the electronic filing system certain Reporting Persons are filing a separate Form 4.

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

10. Each of the Reporting Persons (other than each of the Blackstone Funds to the extent they directly hold securities reported herein), disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by the Blackstone Funds, 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 each of the Blackstone Funds to the extent they directly hold securities reported herein) states that the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

#### Remarks:

**BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS** III L.P., By: Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., its general partner, By: Blackstone Holdings III GP 01/20/2017 Management L.L.C., its general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer BLACKSTONE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (CAYMAN) IV L.P., By: BCP IV GP L.L.C., its 01/20/2017 general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer **BLACKSTONE FAMILY GP** L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, 01/20/2017 Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer

**BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS** III GP L.P., By: Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., its general partner, By: 01/20/2017 /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer **BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS** III GP MANAGEMENT L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, 01/20/2017 Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner, By: /s/ John 01/20/2017 G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John 01/20/2017 G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer /s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman 01/20/2017 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{*}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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