

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
Form 8-K  
June 07, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: **June 6, 2012**

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State of Incorporation: **Delaware**

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER **1-4221**

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification No. **73-0679879**

**1437 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective June 6, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed Mr. Thomas A. Petrie as a director of the Company. Mr. Petrie will serve as a director of the Second Class. He is Chairman of Strategic Energy Advisors, a Denver-based investment banking firm that offers financial advisory services to the oil and gas industry. Previously, Mr. Petrie served as a Vice Chairman of Merrill Lynch following the merger of Petrie Parkman & Co., an energy investment banking firm which Mr. Petrie co-founded, with Merrill Lynch in December of 2006. Thereafter, Mr. Petrie served as Vice Chairman of Bank of America. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Petrie and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director, and there have been no transactions since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or are currently proposed, regarding Mr. Petrie that are required to be disclosed by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. As a non-management member of the Board, Mr. Petrie will receive the same standard compensation paid to other non-management directors for service on the Board and its committees. Mr. Petrie has been appointed to serve on the Company's Human Resources and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly authorized the undersigned to sign this report on its behalf.

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Steven R. Mackey  
Steven R. Mackey  
Executive Vice President

DATE: June 7, 2012