

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DOTSON GEORGE S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice President

TULSA, OK 74119
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | | M | 10,000 A \$ 10.6545 | 78,852 | D <u>(1)</u> | |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | | S | 10,000 D \$ 42 | 68,852 | D <u>(1)</u> | |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | | G | V 1,000 D \$ 0 | 67,852 | D <u>(1)</u> | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 10.6545 | 05/09/2005 | | M | 10,000 | 12/06/1996 ⁽²⁾ 12/06/2005 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DOTSON GEORGE S 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119 | X | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for George S. Dotson

 **Signature of Reporting Person
 05/27/2005
 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Includes the following shares held indirectly: 5,089 shares in the reporting person's 401(k) account; and 35,554 shares with respect to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed as such shares are owned by the reporting person's spouse.
 These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1990 Stock Option Plan (Rule 16b-3) on 12/6/95 at an exercise price of \$28.00, \$14.00 post stock-split, and finally adjusted to \$10.6545 post-spinoff. These options vested over 5 years in 20% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

Remarks:

This Form 4 Amendment is filed solely for the purpose of correcting the "Date of Earliest Transaction" in Box 3 above Table II.

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