

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 FEARS DOUGLAS E

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)
 02/03/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & CFO

TULSA, OK 74119

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2006 | | M | 7,600 A \$ 28.0394 | 33,026 | D <u>(1)</u> | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2006 | | S | 1,600 D \$ 76.5 | 31,426 | D <u>(1)</u> | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2006 | | S | 3,000 D \$ 76 | 28,426 | D <u>(1)</u> | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2006 | | S | 3,000 D \$ 75.5 | 25,426 | 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 (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 28.0394 | 02/03/2006 | | M | 7,600 | 12/03/1998 ⁽²⁾ 12/03/2007 | Common Stock 7,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FEARS DOUGLAS E 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119 | | | Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Douglas E. Fears 02/06/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person 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 229 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/03/97 at an exercise price of \$36.8438, becoming \$28.0394 post spin-off. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vest and become exercisable.

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