

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 *
HELMERICH HANS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

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

06/12/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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	06/12/2008		M		236,520	A	\$ 6.6398
					770,690	D	(1)
Common Stock	06/12/2008		F		110,954	D	\$ 66.33
					659,736	D	(1)
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S		1,100	D	\$ 66.82
					658,636	D	(1)
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S		300	D	\$ 66.77
					658,336	D	(1)
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S		500	D	\$ 66.76
					657,836	D	(1)

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Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	200	D	\$ 66.7525	657,636	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	400	D	\$ 66.75	657,236	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	500	D	\$ 66.745	656,736	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	800	D	\$ 66.74	655,936	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	300	D	\$ 66.7325	655,636	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	200	D	\$ 66.73	655,436	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 66.72	654,336	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	100	D	\$ 66.71	654,236	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	2,422	D	\$ 66.7	651,814	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	100	D	\$ 66.685	651,714	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	1,900	D	\$ 66.68	649,814	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	2,800	D	\$ 66.67	647,014	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	400	D	\$ 66.6675	646,614	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	4,393	D	\$ 66.66	642,221	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	385	D	\$ 66.65	641,836	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 66.62	640,836	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	789	D	\$ 66.6	640,047	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	300	D	\$ 66.59	639,747	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	100	D	\$ 66.58	639,647	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	06/13/2008	S	211	D	\$ 66.57	639,436	D <u>(1)</u>
	06/13/2008	S	100	D	\$ 66.56	639,336	D <u>(1)</u>

Common Stock							
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S	700	D	\$ 66.55	638,636 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S	200	D	\$ 66.54	638,436 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S	1,400	D	\$ 66.53	637,036 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	06/13/2008		S	1,400	D	\$ 66.52	635,636 D ⁽¹⁾

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.3975	06/12/2008		M	236,520	12/02/1999 ⁽²⁾ 12/02/2008	Common Stock 236,520

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMERICH HANS 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Hans Helmerich 06/16/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The amount of securities reported following the transaction includes the following: 21,628 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's

- (1) 401(k) account; 33,600 shares held indirectly as trustee for various accounts where beneficial ownership is denied; and 36,245 shares held indirectly -- beneficial ownership is denied as such shares are owned directly by the reporting person's spouse.
- (2) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/2/98. The options vested over four years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested.

Remarks:

This Form 4 is part 1 of 2 (part 2 to be filed hereafter).

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