

HELM GORDON K
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
HELM GORDON K

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)
08/01/2005

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

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2005 | | M | | \$ 18.8356 | 21,460 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2005 | | S | | \$ 59.61 | 18,960 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2005 | | S | | \$ 59.6 | 16,460 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2005 | | S | | \$ 59.46 | 15,460 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2005 | | S | | \$ 59.47 | 15,360 | D ⁽¹⁾ |

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 approximately 3,626 shares indirectly held in the reporting person's 401(k) account.

(2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/1/99 at an exercise price of \$24.75, or \$18.8356 post-spinoff. These options vested over four years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested.

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