

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
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FORM 4

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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

(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)
 06/03/2008

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)
 Controller

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | | M | | 24,000 A \$ 12.08 | 48,305 | D <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | | S | | 7,500 D \$ 65.8 | 40,805 | D <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | | S | | 4,400 D \$ 65.81 | 36,405 | D <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | | S | | 100 D \$ 65.805 | 36,305 | D <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | | S | | 500 D \$ 65.66 | 35,805 | D <u>(1)</u> |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|------------------|
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | S | 700 | D | \$ 65.67 | 35,105 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 65.65 | 35,005 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 65.64 | 33,605 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | S | 1,900 | D | \$ 65.59 | 31,705 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/03/2008 | S | 7,400 | D | \$ 65.6 | 24,305 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.08 | 06/03/2008 | | M | 24,000 | 12/03/2004 ⁽²⁾ | 12/03/2013 | Common Stock | 24,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HELM GORDON K 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119 | | | Controller | |

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Gordon K.
Helm

06/03/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 7,637 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.

The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/3/03. The options have a post stock-split exercise price of \$12.08. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments beginning one year following the date of grant. The noted date represents the date options first vested.

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