HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 4

February 16, 2005

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1437 SOUTH I	BOULDER	AVE.	(Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2005	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Controller			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
TULSA, OK 74119			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativo	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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)
Common Stock	02/16/2005		M	1,500	A	\$ 19.8345	10,367	D (1)	
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S	400	D	\$ 40.82	9,967	D (1)	
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S	1,100	D	\$ 40.8	8,867	D (1)	

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Induity)	Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 19.8345	02/16/2005		M	1,500	12/04/1997(2)	12/04/2006	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELM GORDON K

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. Controller

TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Gordon K.
Helm
02/16/2005

**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 approximately 3,533 shares indirectly held in the reporting person's 401(k) account at January 31, 2005.
 - These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1990 Stock Option Plan on 12/4/96 at an exercise price of \$52.125
- (2) pre-split and \$26.0625 post-split, and \$19.8345 post-spinoff. These options vested over five years in 20% increments. The noted dated represents the first date options vested.

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