HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

08/11/2005

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Vice President & CFO

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

TULSA, OK 74119

(City)

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed 61, 61 Deficiencially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				Beneficially Form: Owned Direct Following or India Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial O) Ownership			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		Code V M	Amount 100		Price \$ 22.6636	(Instr. 3 and 4) 20,438	D (1)			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	100	D	\$ 60.1	20,338	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. 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) 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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.6636	08/11/2005		M	100	12/05/2002 <u>(2)</u>	12/05/2011	Common Stock	100

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 08/12/2005

**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 141 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.

These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/05/01 at an exercise price of \$29.78, which became \$22.6636 post-spinoff. These option vest over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted dates represents the date options first begin to year.

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