

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Â ROONEY L F III<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>1437 S. BOULDER AVE.,<br>SUITE 1400<br><br>(Street)<br><br>TULSA, Â OK Â 74119<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>06/04/2008 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 58,000   | I   | Shares held by Manhattan Finance LP                      |
| Common Stock                       | 8,000  | I   | Shares held by Rooney Family Investments, Ltd            |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                   | 06/05/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | 06/05/2012      | Common Stock   | 7,358                      | \$ 13.3752   | D  | Â  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                   | 12/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>                                   | 12/03/2013      | Common Stock   | 2,800                      | \$ 12.08   | D  | Â  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                   | 09/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 09/01/2014      | Common Stock   | 1,316                      | \$ 13.055  | D  | Â  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                   | 12/01/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>                                   | 12/01/2014      | Common Stock   | 4,208                      | \$ 16.01   | D  | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROONEY L F III<br>1437 S. BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400<br>TULSA, OK 74119 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Francis Rooney 06/10/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 6/5/02 during the Reporting Person's prior service as a Director of the Issuer. The options vested at the time of grant.
- (2) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/3/03 during the Reporting Person's prior service as a Director of the Issuer. The options vested at the time of grant.
- (3) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 9/1/04 during the Reporting Person's prior service as a Director of the Issuer. The options vested at the time of grant.
- (4) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/1/04 during the Reporting Person's prior service as a Director of the Issuer. The options vested at the time of grant.

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