

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
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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 *
DOTSON GEORGE S

(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)

05/11/2006

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/11/2006		M		41,240	A	\$ 28.0394
					120,093		
Common Stock	05/11/2006		S		41,240	D	\$ 80.06
					78,853		
Common Stock	05/11/2006		M		8,760	A	\$ 18.8356
					87,613		
Common Stock	05/11/2006		S		8,760	D	\$ 80.06
					78,853		

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)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.0394	05/11/2006		M	41,240	12/03/1998 ⁽²⁾ 12/03/2007	Common Stock 41,240
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.8356	05/11/2006		M	8,760	12/01/2000 ⁽³⁾ 12/01/2009	Common Stock 8,760

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOTSON GEORGE S 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119	X			

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for George S. Dotson
Date: 05/16/2006

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).
- Includes the following shares held indirectly: 45,554 shares with respect to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed as such shares are owned by the reporting person's spouse. In connection with the reporting person's retirement, the reporting person is no longer a participant in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan and, as such, no longer holds any shares as previously reported as indirectly held under such Plan.
- (1)
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive on 12/3/97 at an exercise price of \$36.8438, becoming \$28.0394 post-spinoff. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

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- (3) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive on 12/1/99 at an exercise price of \$24.75, becoming \$18.8356 post-spinoff. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

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