

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
 Form 4/A
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

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)
 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/11/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

TULSA, OK 74119
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2006

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2006 | | M | A | 41,240 | \$ 28.0394 | 125,353 D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2006 | | S | D | 41,240 | \$ 80.06 | 84,113 D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2006 | | M | A | 8,760 | \$ 18.8356 | 92,873 D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2006 | | S | D | 8,760 | \$ 80.06 | 84,113 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 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

05/17/2006

 **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).
- (1) 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. Also includes 5,260 shares previously held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account; such shares are now directly held following a rollover transaction in connection with the reporting person's retirement.
- (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.

Remarks:

This Form 4 is filed solely to correct the amount of securities reported as beneficially owned in column 5 of Table I following e

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