

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: October 17, 2005

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State of Incorporation: Delaware

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-4221

Internal Revenue Service — Employer Identification No. 73-0679879

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ITEM 502(b) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS.

In a letter to Walter H. Helmerich, III, Chairman of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (“H&P”), Mr. Francis Rooney, a Director of H&P, respectfully resigned from the Board of Directors of H&P, effective October 17, 2005. Mr. Rooney was nominated by the President of the United States, and confirmed by the United States Senate, to serve as Ambassador to the Holy See. Mr. Rooney’s duties will preclude his continued participation on the H&P Board of Directors.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly authorized the undersigned to sign this report on its behalf.

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ Steven R. Mackey

Steven R. Mackey
Vice President

DATE: October 19, 2005