

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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LINDSAY JOHN W

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	1437 S. BOULDER AVE. SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK, 74119
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LINDSAY JOHN W (Last) (First) (Middle) 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 (Street) TULSA, OK 74119 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">2/12/2008</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	2/12/2008		M		5000	A	\$11.3318	59293	D	(1)
Common Stock	2/12/2008		S		5000	D	\$43.00	54293	D	(1)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.3318	2/12/2008		M		5000		12/5/2002 (2)	12/5/2011	Common Stock	5000	\$0.00	18652	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 9,293 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/05/01 at an exercise price of \$29.78, becoming \$22.6636 post-spinoff and, finally \$11.3318 post stock-split in July of 2006. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested and became exercisable.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDSAY JOHN W 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119			Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary	

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for John W. Lindsay

2/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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