

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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FORM 8-K

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

DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: **September 5, 2012**

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**

1437 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(918)742-5531

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On September 5, 2012, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the "Company") announced that, effective September 5, 2012, John W. Lindsay was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. The Board of Directors of the Company also appointed Mr. Lindsay as a director of the Company effective September 5, 2012. Mr. Lindsay will serve as a director of the First Class. Mr. Lindsay, age 51, joined the Company in 1987 as a drilling engineer. He has since served in various positions including operations manager for the Company's Mid-Continent region and Vice President, U.S. Land Operations, for Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. In 2006, Mr. Lindsay was appointed Executive Vice President, U.S. and International Operations for the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. In 2010, Mr. Lindsay became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Lindsay and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director, and there have been no transactions since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or are currently proposed, regarding Mr. Lindsay that are required to be disclosed by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. As a management member of the Board, Mr. Lindsay will not receive any compensation for service on the Board. Mr. Lindsay has not been appointed to serve on any committees of the Board.

A copy of the news release announcing the events described above is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News Release of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. dated September 11, 2012

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
Executive Vice President

DATE: September 11, 2012

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**JOHN LINDSAY NAMED AS PRESIDENT
AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER;
APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Company announced today that, effective September 5, 2012, Mr. John W. Lindsay was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (NYSE:HP). The Board of Directors of the Company also appointed Mr. Lindsay as a director of the Company effective September 5, 2012. Mr. Lindsay will serve as a director of the First Class. Mr. Lindsay, age 51, joined the Company in 1987 as a drilling engineer. He has since served in various positions including operations manager for the Company's Mid-Continent region and Vice President, U.S. Land Operations, for Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. In 2006, Mr. Lindsay was appointed Executive Vice President, U.S. and International Operations for the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. In 2010, Mr. Lindsay became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Lindsay graduated in 1986 from the University of Tulsa, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Company CEO, Hans Helmerich commented, "In recent years the Company has experienced unprecedented growth and industry-leading success. John's promotion builds on our organizational strength and increases our capability to more effectively address the challenges and opportunities of a larger organization. He is a well-respected leader with deep industry knowledge that will be critical to our future success."

Helmerich & Payne, Inc. is primarily a contract drilling company. As of September 11, 2012, the Company's existing fleet included 286 land rigs in the U.S., 29 international land rigs and nine offshore platform rigs. In addition, the Company is scheduled to complete another 18 new H&P-designed and operated FlexRigs®* under long-term contracts with customers. Upon completion of these commitments, the Company's global land fleet is expected to have a total of 333 land rigs, including 296 FlexRigs.

*FlexRig® is a registered trademark of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

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