

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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DOTSON GEORGE S

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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 * 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]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Vice President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/22/2005	

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	12/22/2005		M		20000	A	\$19.8345	112354	D (U)	
Common Stock	12/22/2005		S		20000	D	\$62.3316	92354	D (U)	
Common Stock	12/22/2005		G	V	250	D	\$0.00	92104	D (U)	

Table II - Derivative Securities 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. 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)	\$19.8345	12/22/2005		M		20000		12/4/1997 (2)	12/4/2006	Common Stock	20000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes the following shares held indirectly: 5,251 shares in the reporting person's 401(k) account; and 45,554 shares with respect to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed as such shares are owned by the reporting person's spouse.
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1990 Stock Option Plan (Rule 16b-3) on 12/4/96 at an exercise price of \$52.125, \$26.0625 post stock-split, and finally adjusted to \$19.8345 post-spinoff. These options vested over 5 years in 20% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for George S. Dotson

12/27/2005

**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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