

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: **March 9, 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**

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ITEM 8.01 — Other Events.

On March 9, 2012, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Donald F. Robillard, Jr. as a member of Registrant's Board of Directors. Mr. Robillard, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hunt Consolidated, Inc., was elected at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on March 7, 2012. Mr. Robillard will serve as a Director of the Third Class. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 — Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. press release dated March 9, 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
Vice President

DATE: March 9, 2012

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HELMERICH & PAYNE ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTOR

Helmerich & Payne, Inc. today announced that Donald F. Robillard, Jr. was elected a Director at the Company's Annual Shareholders' Meeting held March 7, 2012. Mr. Robillard, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hunt Consolidated, Inc., has extensive experience in the oil and gas business.

Company Chairman and CEO, Hans Helmerich commented, "We are pleased to have Don join the Company's Board. He brings years of domestic and international energy experience and will be a valuable addition to the Company."

Helmerich & Payne, Inc. is primarily a contract drilling company. As of March 9, 2012, the Company's existing fleet included 263 land rigs in the U.S., 26 international land rigs and nine offshore platform rigs. In addition, the Company is scheduled to complete another 35 new H&P-designed and operated FlexRigs under long-term contracts with customers. Upon completion of these commitments, the Company's global fleet is expected to have a total of 324 land rigs, including 287 FlexRigs.

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