

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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ROONEY L F III

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 918-742-5531 |
| CIK | 0000046765 |
| Symbol | HP |
| SIC Code | 1381 - Drilling Oil and Gas Wells |
| Industry | Oil & Gas Drilling |
| Sector | Energy |
| Fiscal Year | 09/30 |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROONEY L F III <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 1437 S. BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 <small>(Street)</small> TULSA, OK 74119 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | 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 _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">12/15/2011</p> | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | |

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 | 12/15/2011 | | M | | 7358 | A | \$13.3752 | 7358 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 66000 | I | Held by entities controlled by Reporting Person |

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) |
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| | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$13.3752 | 12/15/2011 | | M | | 7358 | 6/5/2002 | 6/5/2012 | Common Stock | 7358 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROONEY L F III 1437 S. BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119 | X | | | |

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Francis Rooney

5/3/2012

** 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).

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