

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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MACKEY STEVEN R

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 * MACKEY STEVEN R (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 type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice Pres., General Counsel
		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 2/3/2005	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
		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	2/3/2005		M		16426	A	\$28.0394	22006	D	(U)
Common Stock	2/3/2005		S		16100	D	\$38.00	5906	D	(U)
Common Stock	2/3/2005		S		326	D	\$37.17	5580	D	(U)

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				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28.0394	2/3/2005		M		16426	12/3/1998 (2)	12/3/2007	Common Stock	16426	\$0.00	16424	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 1,580 shares indirectly held in the reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/3/97 at an exercise price of \$36.8438, becoming \$28.0394 post-spinoff. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MACKEY STEVEN R 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119			Vice Pres., General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Steven R. Mackey

2/3/2005

**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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