

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 07, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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: **December 7, 2010**

**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**

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(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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 December 7, 2010, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the Company ) announced that, effective December 7, 2010, John Lindsay was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Mr. Lindsay, age 50, joined the Company in 1987 as a drilling engineer. He has since served in various positions including operating 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.

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

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	News Release of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. dated December 7, 2010

**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

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