HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELM GORDON K			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.			08/02/2005	X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Controller		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
TULSA, OK 74119				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/02/2005		M	640	A	\$ 18.8356	9,600	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/02/2005		S	440	D	\$ 59.9	9,160	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/02/2005		S	200	D	\$ 59.93	8,960	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/02/2005		M	7,300	A	\$ 24.5909	16,260	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/02/2005		S	2,500	D	\$ 59.93	13,760	D (1)	

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Common Stock	08/02/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 60	8,960	D (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op for Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.8356	08/02/2005		M	640	12/01/2000(2)	12/01/2009	Common Stock	640
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.5909	08/02/2005		M	7,300	12/06/2001(3)	12/06/2010	Common Stock	7,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HELM GORDON K 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119			Controller				

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Gordon K. 08/03/2005 Helm

2 Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Includes approximately 3,626 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 12/1/99 at an exercise price of \$24.75, or \$18.8356 post-spinoff. These options vested over four years in 25% increments. The noted dated represents the first date options vested.
- (3) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/6/00 at an exercise price of \$32.3125, or \$24.5909 post-spinoff. These options vested over four years in 25% increments. The noted dated represents the first date options vested.

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