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SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange (Amendment No. 1)*	
Helmerich & Payne, I	īnc.
(Name of Issuer)	
Common Stock, \$0.10 par	value
(Title of Class of Secur	
423452101	
(CUSIP Number)	
December 31, 2006	5
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing	g of this Statement)
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number. SEC 1745 (03-06) Page 1 of 6 pages -----13G CUSIP No. 423452101 \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Name of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification No. of above Person Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [\_] (b) [\_] ..... 3. SEC Use Only 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Sole Voting Power Number of 765,496 \_\_\_\_\_ Shares 6. Shared Voting Power Beneficially Ω Owned by \_\_\_\_\_

Each 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting			778 <b>,</b> 596			
	Pers Wit		8. 8	Shared Dispositive Power		
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 778,596					
10.	Chec	k if the	 Aggregat	e Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares		
11.	Perc	ent of C	lass Repr	resented by Amount in Row (9)		
12.	Туре	of Repo	rting Per	rson		
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Item	ı 4.		Ownershi			
		(a).	See the	response(s) to Item 9 on the attached cover page(s).		
(b). Percent of Class:  See the response(s) to Item 11 on the		of Class: response(s) to Item 11 on the attached cover page(s).				
		(c).		of shares as to which such person has:		
			(i).	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 5 on the attached cover page(s).		
			(ii).	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 6 on the attached cover page(s).		
			(iii).	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See the response(s) to Item 7 on the attached cover page(s).		
			(iv).	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See the response(s) to Item 8 on the attached cover page(s).		
Item	ı 5 <b>.</b>		If this of the contract the bene	p of Five Percent or Less of a Class. statement is being filed to report the fact that as date hereof the reporting persons have ceased to be efficial owners of more than five percent of the class rities, check the following [X].		

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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\* In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998), this filing reflects the securities beneficially owned by Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. ("GSAM LP"). GSAM LP, an investment advisor, disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities managed, on GSAM LP's behalf, by third parties.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 2, 2007

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Lauren LoFaro

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Name: Lauren LoFaro Title: Attorney-in-fact

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Power of Attorney, dated December 19, 2006, relating to Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

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Exhibit (99.1)

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P. (the "Company") does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Ronald L. Christopher and Lauren LoFaro, (and any other employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates designated in writing by one of the attorneys-in-fact), acting individually, its true and lawful attorney, to execute and deliver in its name and on its behalf whether the Company is acting individually or as representative of others, any and all filings required to be made by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (as amended, the "Act"), with respect to securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Company under the Act, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the undersigned or until such time as the person or persons to whom power of attorney has been hereby granted cease(s) to be an employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS  $\,$  WHEREOF,  $\,$  the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of December 19, 2006.

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By:/s/ Ellen R. Porges

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Name: Ellen R. Porges Title: Managing Director

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