

DOTSON GEORGE S

Form 4

December 14, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DOTSON GEORGE S

(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]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/13/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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) (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	12/13/2005		M		15,700	A	\$ 19.8345	111,144 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/13/2005		S		15,700	D	\$ 65.1347	95,444 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/13/2005		G	V	3,090	D	\$ 0	92,354 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 of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.8345	12/13/2005		M	15,700	12/04/1997 ⁽²⁾ 12/04/2006	Common Stock	15,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOTSON GEORGE S 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119	X		Vice President	

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for George S.
Dotson

12/14/2005

__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 the following shares held indirectly: 5,251 shares in the reporting person's 401(k) account; and 45,554 shares with respect to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed as such shares are owned by the reporting person's spouse.
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1990 Stock Option Plan (Rule 16b-3) on 12/4/96 at an exercise price of \$52.125, \$26.0625 post stock-split, and finally adjusted to \$19.8345 post-spinoff. These options vested over 5 years in 20% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

Remarks:

Note that the reporting person's three Form 4 Amendments filed on 8-1-05, amending the Form 4s filed 5-9-05, 5-27-05 and 6-

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