HELMERICH HANS

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HELMERICH HANS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.

12/02/2008

below)

President & CEO

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title (A) Amou Date Numb Shares Stock Option Common 12/02/2009(1) 12/02/2018 \$ 21.065 12/02/2008 A 120,000 120, Stock (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELMERICH HANS

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. X President & CEO

TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Hans
Helmerich
12/04/2008

**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) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan on 12/02/08. The options vest over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vest and become exercisable.

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