

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 4

January 31, 2006

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 *
FEARS DOUGLAS E

(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)

01/30/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	01/30/2006		A	19,420	A \$ 24.5909	44,846	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D	5,000	D \$ 76.7	39,846	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D	4,800	D \$ 76.89	35,046	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D	200	D \$ 76.98	34,846	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D	3,200	D \$ 77.33	31,646	D ⁽¹⁾

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Common Stock	01/30/2006	D	100	D	\$ 77.36	31,546	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006	D	200	D	\$ 77.37	31,346	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006	D	500	D	\$ 77.375	30,846	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006	D	4,220	D	\$ 77.43	26,626	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006	D	100	D	\$ 77.47	26,526	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/30/2006	D	1,100	D	\$ 77.48	25,426	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 24.5909	01/30/2006		M	19,420	12/06/2001 ⁽²⁾ 12/06/2010	Common Stock 19,420

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FEARS DOUGLAS E 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119	Vice President & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Douglas E.
Fears

01/31/2006

__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 229 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.

These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/06/00 at an exercise price of \$32.3125,

(2) becoming \$24.5909 post spin-off. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vest and become exercisable.

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