

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 8-K

March 23, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**  

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**FORM 8-K**  
  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)**  
  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
  
**DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: March 23, 2005**  
  
**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**  
  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**  
  
**State of Incorporation: Delaware**  
  
**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-4221**  
  
**Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification No. 73-0679879**  
  
**1437 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**  
**(918)742-5531**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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On March 23, 2005, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. ( Registrant ) issued a press release announcing the Registrant s plan to operate 10 new drilling rigs for a customer of Registrant. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Report on Form 8-K.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly authorized the undersigned to sign this report on its behalf.

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Steven R. Mackey  
Steven R. Mackey  
Vice President

DATE: March 23, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. press release dated March 23, 2005