HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FEARS DOUGLAS E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.		AVE.	(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2005	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President & CFO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
TULSA, OK 74119			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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	08/01/2005		M	3,000	A	\$ 18.8356	23,338	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S	3,000	D	\$ 60	20,338	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)		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.8356	08/01/2005	M	3,000	12/01/2000(2)	12/01/2009	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FEARS DOUGLAS E

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. Vice President & CFO

TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Douglas E. Fears 08/02/2005

**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 141 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/01/1999 at an exercise price of \$24.75, or \$18.8356 post spin-off. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested.

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