HELMERICH W H III

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELMERICH W H III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director

(Check all applicable)

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.

(First)

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/20/2010

Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

below)

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

TULSA, OK 74119

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	le I - No	on-E	Derivative	Secur	ities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities ionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		G	V	20	D	\$0	2,120,295	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		G	V	60	D	\$0	2,120,235	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		G	V	60	D	\$0	2,120,175	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		G	V	15	D	\$0	2,120,160	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		G	V	60	D	\$0	2,120,100	D	
	12/20/2010		G	V	60	D	\$0	2,120,040	D	

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 20	D	\$ 0	2,120,020	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 60	D	\$0	2,119,960	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 60	D	\$ 0	2,119,900	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 30	D	\$ 0	2,119,870	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 20	D	\$ 0	2,119,850	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 60	D	\$ 0	2,119,790	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 35	D	\$ 0	2,119,755	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 20	D	\$ 0	2,119,735	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 20	D	\$ 0	2,119,715	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 40	D	\$ 0	2,119,675	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 20	D	\$ 0	2,119,655	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 60	D	\$ 0	2,119,595	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 20	D	\$ 0	2,119,575	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 40	D	\$ 0	2,119,535	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 300	D	\$ 0	2,119,235	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 150	D	\$ 0	2,119,085	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 115	D	\$ 0	2,118,970	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 100	D	\$ 0	2,118,870	D
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 80	D	\$ 0	2,118,790	D
	12/20/2010	G	V 80	D	\$0	2,118,710	D

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Stock								
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 80	D	\$0	2,118,630	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010	G	V 30	D	\$0	2,118,600	D	
Common Stock						180,000	I	By Charitable Foundations

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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)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securit (Instr. 3	nt of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code '	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HELMERICH W H III 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119	X					

Signatures

Helmerich, III	12/21/2010
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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