

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)
 02/13/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/13/2008		M		3,600	A	\$ 12.08	54,451	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/13/2008		S		100	D	\$ 43.13	54,351	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/13/2008		S		1,000	D	\$ 43.12	53,351	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/13/2008		S		300	D	\$ 43.115	53,051	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/13/2008		S		200	D	\$ 43.1125	52,851	D ⁽¹⁾

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Common Stock	02/13/2008	S	500	D	\$ 43.11	52,351	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/13/2008	S	200	D	\$ 43.105	52,151	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/13/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 43.1	50,851	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	M	32,519	A	\$ 12.08	83,370	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	300	D	\$ 43.59	83,070	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	900	D	\$ 43.56	82,170	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,175	D	\$ 43.55	80,995	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 43.54	79,995	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	900	D	\$ 43.52	79,095	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	300	D	\$ 43.5	78,795	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	3	D	\$ 43.49	78,792	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,297	D	\$ 43.48	77,495	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,500	D	\$ 43.47	75,995	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	600	D	\$ 43.46	75,395	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,900	D	\$ 43.45	73,495	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 43.44	72,295	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	400	D	\$ 43.43	71,895	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	500	D	\$ 43.42	71,395	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 43.41	69,995	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	3,100	D	\$ 43.4	66,895	D <u>(1)</u>
	02/14/2008	S	900	D	\$ 43.35	65,995	D <u>(1)</u>

Common Stock							
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	3,400	D	\$ 43.33	62,595	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	8,700	D	\$ 43.32	53,895	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	2,744	D	\$ 43.315	51,151	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/14/2008	S	300	D	\$ 43.3125	50,851	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.08	02/13/2008		M	3,600	12/03/2004 ⁽²⁾	12/03/2013	Common Stock	3,600
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.08	02/14/2008		M	32,519	12/03/2004 ⁽²⁾	12/03/2013	Common Stock	32,519

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

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

Fears

02/15/2008

__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) Includes 457 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.

The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/03/03 at an exercise price of \$24.16,

- (2) becoming \$12.08 post stock-split in July of 2006. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vest and become exercisable.

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