

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
 Form 4/A  
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**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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person DOTSON GEORGE S

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)  
 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/11/2006

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

TULSA, OK 74119  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
 05/16/2006

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/11/2006		M		41,240	A	\$ 28.0394
Common Stock	05/11/2006		S		41,240	D	\$ 80.06
Common Stock	05/11/2006		M		8,760	A	\$ 18.8356
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (3) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive on 12/1/99 at an exercise price of \$24.75, becoming \$18.8356 post-spinoff. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

**Remarks:**

This Form 4 is filed solely to correct the amount of securities reported as beneficially owned in column 5 of Table I following e

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