

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 2007

**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: December 4, 2007**

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**State of Incorporation: Delaware**

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-4221**

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Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification No. 73-0679879

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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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**ITEM 5.02**      **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e)      On December 4, 2007, the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., with the approval of all independent Directors as a group, amended and restated the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Annual Bonus Plan for Executive Officers (the "Bonus Plan"). The revisions to the Bonus Plan include an increase in bonus award opportunities for certain executive officers, an increase in the bonus adjustment factor from 30% to 50% and the addition of a negative discretion provision. The Bonus Plan revisions are effective for fiscal 2008 and do not apply to fiscal 2007 bonuses. The amended and restated Bonus Plan is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Report on Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01**      **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)      Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Annual Bonus Plan for Executive Officers

**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: December 6, 2007

EXHIBIT INDEX

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