

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 4

February 12, 2008

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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LINDSAY JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.,
SUITE 1400**

(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)

02/12/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	02/12/2008		M	5,000	A \$ 11.3318	59,293	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/12/2008		S	5,000	D \$ 43	54,293	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 (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)	\$ 11.3318	02/12/2008		M	5,000	12/05/2002 ⁽²⁾ 12/05/2011	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LINDSAY JOHN W 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119	Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for John W. Lindsay
02/12/2008
 **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 9,293 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 12/05/01 at an exercise price of \$29.78, becoming \$22.6636 post-spinoff and, finally \$11.3318 post stock-split in July of 2006. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested and became exercisable.

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