HELMERICH W H III

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
1437 SOUTH	BOULDER	R AVE.	12/21/2010	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
TULSA, OK 74119				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	on-E	Derivative	Secui	rities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/21/2010		G	V	250	D	\$0	2,118,350	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		G	V	250	D	\$0	2,118,100	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		G	V	300	D	\$0	2,117,800	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		G	V	500	D	\$0	2,117,300	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		G	V	400	D	\$ 0	2,116,900	D	
	12/21/2010		G	V	500	D	\$0	2,116,400	D	

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 500	D	\$ 0	2,115,900	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 250	D	\$ 0	2,115,650	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 250	D	\$ 0	2,115,400	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 300	D	\$ 0	2,115,100	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 500	D	\$ 0	2,114,600	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 300	D	\$ 0	2,114,300	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 500	D	\$0	2,113,800	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 500	D	\$ 0	2,113,300	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 250	D	\$0	2,113,050	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 250	D	\$0	2,112,800	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 500	D	\$0	2,112,300	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 500	D	\$0	2,111,800	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010	G	V 300	D	\$0	2,111,500	D	
Common Stock						180,000	I	By Charitable Foundations

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)

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Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date Number of Shares

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELMERICH W H III
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. X
TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

/s/ W. H. Helmerich, III

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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