HELM GORDON K

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HELM GORDON K Issuer Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. 12/05/2005 below) below) Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TULSA, OK 74119** Person (City) (State) (Zin

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or			r	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/05/2005		A	3,000	A	\$0	11,997	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 60.475	12/05/2005		A	7,000	12/05/2006(2)	12/05/2015	Common Stock	7,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELM GORDON K 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119

Controller

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Gordon K. Helm

12/06/2005

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 approximately 3,663 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/05/05. These options vest over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vest and become exercisable.

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