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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Foutch Randy A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/02/2008

(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner

1437 S. BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

(I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

7. Title and Amount of 1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	(D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (1)	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2008		A		652.5866		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	652.5866

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting Owner Funder Funders	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Foutch Randy A 1437 S. BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119	X					

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Randy A.
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**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) Phantom shares relate to the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Director Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) 1-for-

The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash only, at the election of the reporting person either (1) in a lump sum payable no (3) later than 60 days following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director or (2) in annual installments for a period of '2

(3) later than 60 days following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director or (2) in annual installments for a period of 'x' years (not to exceed 10).

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