HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> FEARS DOUGLAS E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			HELM	ERICH &	PAYNE INC [HP]	(0	Check all applicabl	e)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest T	ransaction					
			(Month/I	Day/Year)		Director				
1437 SOU	TH BOULDER	AVE.	06/05/2	2008		_X_ Officer (below)	(give title Oth below)	er (specify		
						Vi	ice President & CF	O		
	(Street)		4. If Am	endment, D	ate Original	6. Individual	or Joint/Group Fili	ng(Check		
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TULSA, C	OK 74119					Person	by More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Dispose	ed of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction D	ate 2A. Deei	med	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount	of 6.	7. Nature		
Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio	n Date, if	Transacti	or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit corr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of ((D)	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	06/05/2008		M	19,000	` '	\$ 13.87	69,851	D (1)	
Common Stock	06/05/2008		S	2,000	D	\$ 64.5	67,851	D (1)	
Common Stock	06/05/2008		S	2,000	D	\$ 65	65,851	D (1)	
Common Stock	06/05/2008		S	3,900	D	\$ 65.64	61,951	D (1)	
Common Stock	06/05/2008		S	100	D	\$ 65.644	61,851	D (1)	

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Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	2,000	D	\$ 65.67 59,851	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	1,900	D	\$ 65.77 57,951	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	100	D	\$ 65.778 57,851	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	1,900	D	\$ 65.91 55,951	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	100	D	\$ 65.911 55,851	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	1,770	D	\$ 65.95 54,081	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	730	D	\$ 65.952 53,351	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 65.96 51,951	D (1)
Common Stock	06/05/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 65.963 50,851	D (1)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.87	06/05/2008		M	19,000	12/04/2003(2)	12/04/2012	Common Stock	19,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FEARS DOUGLAS E 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119

Vice President & CFO

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Douglas E. Fears

06/06/2008

**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 457 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 12/04/02. The option have a post stock-split (2) exercise price of \$13.87. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vest and become exercisable.

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