

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ORR M ALAN**

(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)  
**06/20/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/20/2008		M		16,424	A	\$ 11.3318
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		900	D	\$ 71.99
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		600	D	\$ 71.89
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		600	D	\$ 71.8
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		650	D	\$ 71.77

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Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	600	D	\$ 72.03	43,074	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	600	D	\$ 72.07	42,474	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	1,900	D	\$ 72.04	40,574	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 71.97	39,274	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	600	D	\$ 72.33	38,674	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	500	D	\$ 72.3	38,174	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	800	D	\$ 72.23	37,374	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	700	D	\$ 72.24	36,674	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	600	D	\$ 72.15	36,074	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	800	D	\$ 72.08	35,274	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	1,500	D	\$ 71.98	33,774	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	1,700	D	\$ 72.05	32,074	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	600	D	\$ 72.18	31,474	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	700	D	\$ 72.31	30,774	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	500	D	\$ 72.28	30,274	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	274	D	\$ 72.22	30,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						16,510 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.3318	06/20/2008		M	16,424	12/05/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/05/2011	Common Stock	16,424

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for M. Alan Orr 06/23/2008

\_\_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) Shares owned doubled by reason of the Issuer's 2 for 1 stock split in 2006.
- (2) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/05/01. 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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