

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
Form 8-K
December 07, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: **December 7, 2010**

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State of Incorporation: **Delaware**

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER **1-4221**

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification No. **73-0679879**

1437 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(918)742-5531

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.**

On December 7, 2010, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the Company) announced that, effective December 7, 2010, John Lindsay was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Mr. Lindsay, age 50, joined the Company in 1987 as a drilling engineer. He has since served in various positions including operating manager for the Company's Mid-Continent region and Vice President, U.S. Land Operations, for Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. In 2006, Mr. Lindsay was appointed Executive Vice President, U.S. and International Operations for the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co.

A copy of the news release announcing the events described above is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | News Release of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. dated December 7, 2010 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly authorized the undersigned to sign this report on its behalf.

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.
(Registrant)

/S/ Steven R. Mackey
Steven R. Mackey
Executive Vice President

DATE: December 7, 2010

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