DOTSON GEORGE S

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad DOTSON GI	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.			(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2006	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
TULSA, OK 74119			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table L. Non-Derivative Securities Acc	uired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	ed, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of (4 and 5		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		M	17,600	A	\$ 28.0394	101,708	D (1)	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		S	17,600	D	\$ 77.2503	84,108	D (1)	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		M	20,000	A	\$ 28.0394	104,108	D (1)	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		S	20,000	D	\$ 78	84,108	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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	` ,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 28.0394	01/30/2006		M		17,600	12/03/1998(2)	12/03/2007	Common Stock	17,60
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 28.0394	01/31/2006		M		20,000	12/03/1998(2)	12/03/2007	Common Stock	20,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

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1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. X Vice President

TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for George S.

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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) Includes the following shares held indirectly: 5,255 shares in the reporting person's 401(k) account; and 45,554 shares with respect to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed as such shares are owned by the reporting person's spouse.
- These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive on 12/3/97 at an exercise price of \$36.8438, becoming \$28.0394 post-spinoff. These options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date is the date options first vested.

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