

HELM GORDON K  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HELM GORDON K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.

(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)

02/14/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	02/14/2005		M		1,000 A \$ 19.8345	9,867	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2005		S		100 D \$ 39.59	9,767	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2005		S		500 D \$ 39.58	9,267	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/14/2005		S		400 D \$ 39.57	8,867	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/15/2005		M		3,000 A \$ 19.8345	11,867	D <u>(1)</u>

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Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 39.87	10,867	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 39.79	9,867	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 39.48	8,867	D <sup>(1)</sup>

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. 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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 19.8345	02/14/2005		M	1,000	12/04/1997 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/04/2006	Common Stock	1,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 19.8345	02/15/2005		M	3,000	12/04/1997 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/04/2006	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELM GORDON K 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. TULSA, OK 74119			Controller	

## Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Gordon K.  
Helm

02/15/2005

\_\_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 approximately 3,533 shares indirectly held in the reporting person's 401(k) account at January 31, 2005.

These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1990 Stock Option Plan on 12/4/96 at an exercise price of \$52.125

(2) pre-split and \$26.0625 post-split, and \$19.8345 post-spinoff. These options vested over five years in 20% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested.

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