

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: January 10, 2012**

**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**

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

(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)

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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.**

The Company sadly announces the death of its Chairman, Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III. Mr. Hans Helmerich, President, Chief Executive Officer and current Director of the Company, succeeds his father as Chairman of the Board.

A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this report by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. press release dated January 10, 2012

**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

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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